

The people of San Amonio Abad, a slum on the edge of San Salvador, have been talking about men who wear army uniforms and who come to slaughter them in the early hours. On their last visit to the slum 19 civilians were-killed. Only hours later, in Washington is the control Washington, it was announced that the United States is to send \$55m (£29.4m) worth of emergency military equipment to El Salvador Page 6

Theatres to cut back

Arts Council subsidies this year for the four national theatre, opera and ballet companies will average 10 per cent, which is below the inflation level. The companies said they would have to cut back on produc-tions and repertory Page 2

S Africa press curb scheme

Control of journalists through compulsory registration is pro-posed in a report tabled in South Africa's Parliament. There would be provision for striking off" the register, and using the work of an uneurolled journalist would be illegal Page 7

Israel publishes

autonomy plan Israel has officially published its proposals for a Palestinian council to administer the West Bank and Gaza. It envisages an authority with powers in 13 spheres, including finance and justice, in contrast to the Egyptian desire to see a coun-cil with legislative as well as boosting the value of the

Assembly plan for Ulster

The Government is planning an elected assembly for North-ern Ireland which would have only advisory or consultative powers until agreement could be reached on a more devolved administration Page 2

Hammarskjold death claim

Moise Tshombe, the former Prime Minister of the Congo was responsible for the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, accord-ing to Francis Bodenan, who is accused of kidnapping Mr Tshombe, Mr Hammarskjöld died in the wreckage of an aircraft in 1961 while Secretary-General of the United Nation

£10m a week petrol 'subsidy

The cost of a gallon of 4-star petrol in some towns has dropped below £1.50p as the price war hots up. The petrol makers, however, are counting the cost, paying almost £10m a week in support measures



Bristol youths in court

Eight youths arrested after the fighting in St Paul's. Bristol, at the weekend appeared before Bristol magistrates. They denied possessing offensive weapons, wounding, assaulting a police sergeant, and other charges.

Botham's protest lan Botham, in hitting a cen-tury for England, threatened to walk off the field in protest against Indian delaying tactics in the Test match in Kanput

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Bank joins in campaign to cut US loan rates

By David Blake, Economics Editor

Covernor of the Bank of England, last night joined in the campaign to make America cut its interest rates. In a speech to the annual dinner of the Over-seas Bankers Club in London, he said that the two main consequences of American policy were causing concern through-out the world.

These were that too much of the strain of the fight against inflation was being borne by monetary policy and not enough by cuts in the public deficit. The second was that interest rates in America were likely to be very volatile. As a result, he said, foreign exchanges and domestic business. could be harmed.

The Governor's speech is the ing into an increasingly intense war of words between Europe and America. Last week, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Finance Ministers of France and Germany all called on the Reagan Administration to change economic policy to help the rest of the world. Leading United States banks yesterday began raising in-terest rates, a move that provoked a sharp decline in share prices on Wall Street, while

dollar. Dollar rose yesterday, ng the dollar strengmenting the dolar against all European curren-cies. Shares on Wall Street fell sharply as two leading banks raised their prime lend-

The European nations want to get their interest rates down to boost jobs in their econ-omies. But they fear that if they act alone their currencies will fall and inflation will rise. They are thus trying to press the Americans to take part in joint action to bring interest

rates down everywhere. At the Ottawa economic summit last summer, the European leaders said that the Americans could not expect them to put up with high interest rates after Christmas.

The issue will become inthe issue will become in-creasingly important as a dominant feature in prepara-tions for the world economic summit to be held in France in

Mr Richardson's call for the United States "to use whatever scope exists to moderate the investor property of the policies." came as part of a call for greater currency stability. The fluctuation of the world's currency markets was now posing great dangers to world trade, he said.

the old and uncompetitive industry was gradually replaced by new business, with new technology opening up new opportunities all the time.

Wall Street hit, page 13

by leading officials in the United States Administration that the authorizes should be very much on the sidelines of the foreign exchange markets. Official action has an important impact, he argued. The United States' refusal to hold down the dollar in the foreign exchange markets had been one of the main sources of bitterness in European countries. He pointed out that the weak-ness of the mark and yen over the past year owed much to speculation.

The volatility in the markets was caused, at least in part, by "the interaction of the different countries. It natural that our eyes should turn first to the United States" seeking an explanation, he

great steadiness in monetary policy but consistency, patience and commonsense count rather than obsessive concern with short-term developments in the monetary aggregates, Governor said.

Governor said.

This view is similar to the criticism that the Reagan Administration has been making of the handling of monetary policy by the United States Federal Reserve. Britain and other countries

could not afford to relax anti-inflationary policy. There was no prospect of getting back to sixties growth rates for the ☐ Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the Commons, ruled out any early reduction in unemployment last night and forecast a long-term struggle to hold on to present living standards. In one of the gloomiest speeches

to be made by a Cabinet Minister in recent months, Mr Pym said that public expectations were too high. He told the Allied Brewery Trades Association: "This Gov ernmenta is completely commit ted to a long-term econom recovery that can be sustained, and a restoration of our ability overseas rivals. But this cannot lead to an early return to full or nearly full employment, or

an early improvement in living standards generally." Mr Pym said the country had entered its second industrial revolution, a painful, once-forall transformation-under which

Owner vanishes in lost ships mystery

eight freighters acquired by Mr Demetrios Kavadas, the second to be lost and the rest are reported to be in trouble. Mr Kavadas has also dis-appeared. He was seen at his

Mr Kavadas was sentenced by a Piraeus court in his absence last Friday to three years' imprisonment, and fined one million drackmas (£10,000) for issuing a bogus cheque for \$76,000.

The Court of Appeal is in Israel. expected to give judgment this Lloyd's The Court of Appeal is in Israel.

expected to give judgment this week on issues arising in a has confirmed that at least part of the cargo was unloaded Salem, the tanker scuttled by its owners to disguise the fact bureau's chief, said inquiries that they had sold its \$55m Continued on page 2, col 1

Investigators from the Inter-cargo of oil to the South national Maritime Bureau, Lon-African government. The shipdon, are looking for cargo owners, Oxford Shipping, have reported to have been mys-also disappeared.

reported to have been mysteriously off-loaded from a
The investigation into the
Greek-owned ship, the Viki K,
before she vanished in the Red
Sea. The Viki K's hull was
insured on the London market
for up to fim. She is one of
£400,000 from Elefsis, Greece, of the Elpinia A on December 24, while taking 3,000 tons of iron rods worth more than £400,000 from Elefsis, Greece, to Alexandra. The Piraeus harbour police also want Kavadas for questioning.

are reported to be in trouble.

Mr Kavadas has also disappeared. He was seen at his luxurious seaside home at Glyfada, near Athens, leaving behind total debts estimated at £4m, and Mrs Kavadas says she does not know where he is.

Mr Kavadas for questioning.

The Viki K, which was carrying angle iron and plastic products to Iran, was abandoned by her crew in the Red Sea on November 2. The owner's story, which emerged during the bureau's investigation, was that the crew tried for hours to put out a fire in the engine room. the engine room. On the same day all 16 crew were picked up by the MV Blue Danube, a bulk carrier.

and taken to the port of Eilat



last victim of the avalanche at Werfen- after the avalanche called the rescuers weng, near Salzburg, which buried a party who pulled out the other four survivors. of 18 young West German skiers on the Avalanthes here killed about 800 people 4,600ft Elmau mountain. The boy, Oliver in Austria in the last 20 years.

SDP fear unequal seat deal

With the possible exception of the 11 Surrey seats, there is no county where the SDP have secured or look likely to secure the lion's share. If the present pattern is repeated across the country the SDP negotiators fear that the party's interests will be gravely damaged.

The SDP agreed only last week to resume full negotia-tions with their alliance partrions with their alriance part-ners after earlier differences. Yesterday the SDP team re-solved that when they meet their Liberal opposite num-bers, next week they will in-sist on a fairer balance and swifter progress.

The SDP are also regretting their negoriators' generosity in agreeing last week that the Liberals could fight 11 out of a group of 20 west London seats: group of 20 west London seats:

Mr Neville Sandelson, MP, a supporter of Mr Roy Jenkins, urged last night that there should be no contest this year for the leadership of the SDP (our Political Reporter writes).

A contest, however friendly, might be exploited by others a in an attempt to tar us with the same brush that has affected the Labour Party, he said.

Leading article, page 11

The official media have presented the Gdansk incident they have included clear warnings. First, the blame has been pinned on the United States Administration and its Solidarity Day which coincided with the Saturday protest.

Second, implicit in this commentary, and one in Trybuna, Ludu was the signal to the rest of the commy not to imitate Gdansk, otherwise the strictest

Poland tense as food prices quadruple

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, Feb 1

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

Leading members of the Social Democratic Party, decided yesterday that they are getting the worst of the bargain so far in the sharing of parliamentary seats with the Liberals.

The SDP's eight-man negotiating team concluded at a 90 minute meeting at Westminster that although the sooils looked like being evening at Westminster that although the sooils looked like being exerting at Westminster that although the sooils looked like being evening at Westminster that although the sooils looked like being evening at Westminster that although the sooils looked like being evening at Westminster that although the sooils looked like being evening at Westminster that although the sooils looked like being evening the work of Solidarity in 1970, almost mppelled his such contributed to the speak death of the last opportunity to 1980.

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Tension this time was heightened by the violent clashes between students and police in Gdansk on Saturday might. Fresh details of the disturbances are beginning to emerge.

According to an independent account, the militia were relatively restrained at first, but when the demonstrators grouped in the main was to the collective work at midnight as sarking guard at midnight as sarking at midnight at midnight as sarking guard at midnight as sarking guards at midnight as

tively restrained at first, but unafficial reports reaching when the demonstrators Warsaw indicated that planned grouped in the main square, go slows in cities such as near the party headquarters, Wroclaw and Lodz had been the scene of great violence in carried out. It is extremely 1970, the militia and riot police moved in with considerable industrial action though in the land time is cased to be made to be the statement of the land time in the land time.

moved in with considerable force using rubber truncheons. The demonstrators responded with bricks and bottles. The official Ministry of Interior communique said that 205 people had been detained and six civilians and eight policemen injured. Independent accounts put the fronteent accounts put the figure higher, talking of forty to fifty injured.

The official media have

long fun it seems to be un-popular with workers who are paid on piece rate. paid on piece rate.

The price rises seemed to have made some impact on the queues in front of meat shops.

The dangerous period for the authorities—certainly in their own estimation—will be fater this week when students return to universities.

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Meanwhile, the Espiscopate has sent a letter to the Government complaining that it was not allowed to give mass to Mr Lech Walesa, the interned Solidarity leader.

Mr Zdrislaw Gradzien former Politburo member and First. Secretary of Katowice, died of a heart attack on Saturday, aged 58, according to a

day, aged 58, according to a shurt obinary notice is Trybuna Ludu. Other Polish news, page 6

New rail peace move by Murray

BATTHES!

By 2 Staff Reporter

Mr. Len Minray, general secretary of the TUC, last night made another attempt to find a basis for a peace formula to end the train drivers dispute when he spent three hours with the executive of the drivers union.

There was little indication if the Mintray or officials of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Eiremen (Asief) of what transpired; but observers believed that M. Murray was trying to persuade the union to participate in a commission of inquiry.

inquiry.

Another plea for the twosides to go to arbitration came,
from Mr. Sidney Weighelf, general secretary of the National
Union of Railwaymen who
said on BBC's Nationands that
British Rail and Aslef were
both ding in about ten feet
deep. The only solution was
arbitration. But neither will
go."

He attacked the Labour Party's support for Asief as an abuse of authority "When you make sgree-ments you cannot pick and choose which of them to apply". Mr Weighell said.

apply, Mr Weighell said.

Sir John Boyd, general secretary of the Amalgamaned Union of Engineering Workers, also called on British Reill and Aslef, to go to erbetation.

The commission of inquiry is the idea of Mr Pat Lowry, charman of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), and the other two rail unions and British Rail management have already dereed to take part in.

The Aslef executive inight decide anday whether to capperate.

The executive is also and we stay in the resident discuss plants for industrial mevious. Thurst action next week and whether General recalled to vary the present formula of higherment. Sunday, strikes followed by Back into the firm days stoophages on Weines apollogenic Lord days, and Thursdays.

The BR board is also due to I meet today and it is thought to that Asiat will not escalate the action unless the management in the dispute. The could take the flags of disputation of gran pair library's meeting with the Asiat rescuive came as local management on Southern Region decided not to pay grands for next Wednesday and Thursday because they took mofficial strike action years day. The BR board is also due to

FO falls foul of the testy general

From David Watts

Lord Carrington's visit to the Philippines began with a bizarre diplomatic dispute to-day which threatened to sour the trip barely before it had

the trip barely before it had started. The Foreign Secretary, arriving at the home of General Carlos Romain, the veteran Foreign Minister, complimented him on his heautiful home and soon found himself trying to defend himself exams complaints that he had slighted Filipino hospitality by staying at the residence of the British Ambassador rather than the official guest house. Lord Carrington and the official party were staken by General Romalo's criticism so soon in the visit. Telling Lord Carrington that he was the seventy fourth foreign minister in be entertained in his 14 years of office General Romalo sar down on the veranda overlooking the hish garden in enclasive Forbes Park and declared: You are the only foreign minister to stay at your embassy. All the others have stayed at our official guest house just opposite the Malacstayed at our official guest house just opposite the Malac-anang Palace."

The Foreign Secretary, taken

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aback recovered quickly to
say As you know General,
on these trips a foreign ministeg is just a parcel to be posted
by his officials.

I'm very sorry that there
was a mistake "said Lord
Carrington.

Ambassador's mistake, said General Romulo wagging his finger at Mr Michael Morgan, the unfortunate British Am-bassador, who then reminded General Romtlo that they had continued the arrangement that Lord Carrington should stay in the residence only the previous Thursday. The

discourteous in the face your kind invitation and

hospitality.

Bot the 83-year-old General gave in banner. That was the impression year tays and wish an air of finality he declared. Now we have an agenda here, and abruptly slapped the document on the table for the magning to be the first the magning to be the declared. Rapid diplomatic fence-mending followed on both sides, And with all the charm of Filipino hospitality an official explained. Nebody morning when they shouted and swore at railway staff.

More than 50 trains had to be cancelled because of the strike in protest a Sunday's lay off.

Southern Region trains were expensed to be back to normal at midnight as satiking guards at Brighton returned to work.

BR said last night.

About 25 trains were cancelled during the evening rush hour because of the guards action.

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Following her highly acclaimed British
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Russian cellist, Natafia Gotman, to a
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countryman, Oleg Kagam, joins her in a
performance of Bealums Double
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This concert, which concludes with
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ducted by Tergeny Svettanou wings
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I was wrong to launch a Belfast firm, says De Lorean

From Christopher Thomas, New York, Feb 1

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other personal interests to the British Government that

snipers many times. "Trying to keep a management ream backing his firm could again together under those circumbe employing 2,700 people by stances, especially of people the spring, when he expected who are good enough to work car sales to pick up.

He attributed the company's But Mr de Lorean added that problems to a number of he was determined to make the factors; one of the worst company survive. He was sell- winters in the United States

Mr John de Lorean said today he had made a serious mistake in launching his sports car company in Belfast. "We had a terrible time producing a management team because Englishmen would not work flow crisis." It is impossible to there. We grossly underestimated the magnitude of the problems."

Among the problems was the fact that the company's premises had been fire-bembed 140 times and company executives had been fired at by snipers many times, "Trying that with the right financial into the enterprise. He was negotiating with several concerns in an attempt to raise private means to help the company out of its cash flow crisis. "It is impossible to continue as a Government owned company because we have become such a political hot potato", he said, "Nobody dares touch it."

Mr de Lorean, speaking to The Trues at his Park Avenue office in New York, insisted that with the right financial

that with the right financial backing his firm could again He attributed the company's



ment and another fifth was about 30 days overdue. The Government owed the company £10m for firebomb damage last

film for firebomb damage last pear, "If we had that now, even with a commitment that if the finel amount proved less the Government could take back the difference, it would keep us working."

He insisted that his interest in the company was not financial arrangement we made. We did not negotiate anything All we did was accept what was in the company was not financial in the past nine years in the company was not financial in the past nine years this loss of income because of the enterprise had been considerable. My income with glant would mean to West beliast.

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Elected assembly planned for Northern Ireland

The Government is considering an elected assembly for Northern Ireland which would be given only advisory or consultative powers until agree-ment could be reached on a more fully devolved administra-

One idea for developing the system, according to Official Unionists who met Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday, is for a weighted majority in the assembly. That would mean that a majority would have to agree before any further pro-gress could be made on giving the assembly more powers.

The figure being suggested for the weighted majority is 70 per cent, which has been criticized as far too high. It is believed that Mr Prior has ruled out institutionalized power-sharing, preferring to leave all decisions on the future development of the system to an assembly of 78 members, which it is proposed will be elected by proportional representation in the autumn. Mr Harold McCusker,
Official Unionist MP for
Amagh, said: 'My objection
is that I don't like an arbitrary

figure being set. Seventy per cent is almost unobtainable."

Mr Prior's plans are not yet complete and he will continue talking to politicians until he puts definite proposals to the

are speculation, there is no doubt that Mr Prior's favoured option is what has become itself. known as "rolling devolution".
Initially, members of the assembly will be able to advise and discuss draft legislation, but it will then be up to them. to decide it they can reach

agreement on a second stage, which would bring further responsibility to the assembly for Northern Ireland affairs.

In the province there is general agreement. general agreement on the pre-liminary stage of Mr. Prior's proposal. The Official Unionists have said they will contest any election for an assembly but will make sure it does not "roll in a dangerous direction". But the move to a second stage is much more

Whatever powers were essentially returned to an assembly, it is almost inconceivable that in the near future security would be returned to a devolved administration. However, it is thought that on some social and economic issues a wide measure of agreement could be reached and the 70 per cent hurdle cleared.
Although Mr Prior is under-

Cabinet before announcing his initiative, probably next month. Although officials at the Northern Ireland Office continue to say that all the suggestions being talked about down in part because a down in part because a general election was held before it had a chance to prove

It is also being noted cynically among some politicians in the province that it is unlikely that Mr Prior will still be at the Northern Ireland Office if Conservative Administration is returned to power because the normal time scale for a Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is roughly two and a

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, returned from Northern Ireland today after a short fact-finding visit in which his talks were dominated by unemployment and Ulster's constitutional position.

During nine hours of talks yesterday, Mr Foot saw leaders of the main political parties

and trade unionists.

In the Irish Republic, police chiefs last night expressed delight over arms and explosives finds in the border area. The haul included a big booby-trap bomb hidden at a roadside on the Monaghan - Fermanagh border, rifles, mortar bombs, blast bombs and more than 50,000 rounds of ammunition.

Countryman case officers Guarantees deny planting evidence upheld, By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Incriminating evidence link demanding and receiving ng two men to an armed bank £1,500 from Mr James obbery was planted on them Stephens. They and Sergeant ing two men to an armed bank robbery was planted on them by four London detectives, who then concocted a false version of an interview with one of the men, a Central Criminal Court jury heard yesterday. Later three of the officers extracted £3,000 from two other men for not two other men for not "framing" them in the same

The four officers pleaded not guilty to charges brought against them as a result of investigations by Operation Countryman. The four men re: Inspector Terence
Babbidge, aged 38, of Uxbridge, Middlesex; Det. Sergeant John David Ross, aged
34, of Orpington, Kent; Det.
Constable Michael Bradley
Ross, his brother, aged 31, of
Bromley, Kent, and Det. Constable Paul Resstrew, aged 28.

stable Paul Rexstrew, aged 28, of Croydon, south London. All four are charged with perverting the course of justice in 1977 by planting evidence against Mr John Twomey and Mr Patrick Carpenter after an armed robbery at a bank in Bayswater, west London, and falsely claiming articles had been found and verbal

stable Michael Ross are all he knows. charged with two counts of The case continues today.

John Ross also face two similar counts involving Mr Thomas Green. Mr Babbage is charged with making a false statement involving Mr Twomey.

Mr John Blofeld, QC, for the prosecution, said that the policemen, all detectives at the time of the alleged offences, were dealing with men with records of serious crime who were suspected by them of fresh offences. When the interview with Mr Twomey was written up "they put ords in his mouth".

Counsel said: "The officers involved extracted payments from two other men with criminal records — Stephens and Green — as the price for not framing them, 'fitting

them up'
Mr Blofeld said Mr Twomey, Mr Carpenter, Mr Stephens and Mr Green would be giving evidence. It was possible that people with convictions would have no love for the police. The jury, Mr Blofeld said, would also be hearing another side of the story. There might be police wirnesses among whom there could be those who were " less than entirely wholehearted in his desire to tell you

found and verbal Constable Rexstrew and Con-

Trail of unpaid debts

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referred to photographs al-legedly showing the ship being unloaded by floating crane. The bureau is representing the Iranian owners of the cargo; said to be worth more than £1m. Mr John Crosby, one of the bureau's investigation of the bureau's investigation.

tors, is now in Port Said, to check what was unloaded. Because of the Elpiniki K's disappearance, action is also being taken against Kayadas by Ergobank, a Greek bank, which told the Piracus prose-cutor on January 19: "We

suspect the cargo was sold in Lebanon ".

The bank decided to sue
Kavadas's front company, Seatop Navigation, because the
vanished ship Elpiniki K had

been used as collateral to obtain a £100,000 loan in March, 1980.

Kayadas is listed as manag-

his wife Dimitra 1 per cent. Mr Ellen's investigations revealed that the viki K, regis-tered as the Poseidon before 1971, and the Solidarity be-tween 1971 and 1980, was owned by the Twodim Com-pania SA, but registered by the Greek authorities under Viki Shipping Co, Piraeus. Both companies were operated by Kavadas.

and stranded crews Kavadas, a former sea cap-tain who turned up in Piraeus as shipowner three or four years ago, has left a troubled trail of unpaid debts, insurance

men and angry crews in his The Natalia is arrested in Morocco, for debts of £40,000, some owed to oil companies. The crew of 11 Greeks and 12 others had to sell their personal belongings to survive until they could be repatriated.

The Stavroula K is stranded in Abidian, Ivory Coast, The Yannoula K left Karachi on Yannoula K left Karachi on November 15 with military stores for Libya and manure for the Emirates, Both crews were left high and dry. The Cephalonian Sun is im-pounded in Tartous, Syria, for debts while the captain, Mano-

lis Vihos, is still waiting for back pay of £2,700. The Despoula K also in debt is reported to have been towed

ort of harbour and anchored off Monrovia, Liberia.

The Dimitra K has been arrested at Chittagong, Bangla-desh, for the last six months for debts. The crew of 10 Greeks were said to be in a pitiful condition when repatri-ated on tickets sent by the Greek Ministry of Merchant

Marine.

The £4m estimated debt is to insurers, ships chandlers, oil companies, banks, other shipowners and his crew.

editor says By a Staff Reporter Mr Frank Giles, editor of

The Sunday Times, last night denied that his editorial indedenied that his ecotorial inde-pendence had been infringed by recent executive appoint-ments on the newspaper and said he had no intention of referring the matter to the five independent national directors of The Times and The Sunday Times. Mr Giles's statement came

The National Union articles of association.

• Thank you for your letter of January 21. It is true that a nom-January 21. It is true that a mun-ber of conditions attached to my consent to transfer of *The Sun-*day *Times* were "free-standing", and a breach of them (which would attract criminal penalties) would be a matter in which HMG had direct concern.

Such conditions included a re-

Such conditions included a re-quirement that certain provisions relating to the rights of the edi-tors of the two newspapers were to be incorporated in the articles of association of Times News-papers Limited—and the neces-sary changes in the articles were indeed made.

This reflects my desire to establish a legal framework which would provide adequate guarantees for the rights of the editors. But I was equally anxious to avoid unwarranted governmental interference in the affairs of the press and thus did not wish to assume responsibility for policing the day-to-day operations of this framework.

Mr Wilby said last night that the dispute had exposed shortcomings in the guarantees.
"The editor is under a lot of conflicting pressures and if he feels unable to assert his independence against the proprie-tor, then it seems there is no redress. That is very disap-pointing."

Mr Giles said he did not con-sider his independence had been infringed. "I therefore have no need or intention to refer the matter to the national

Remand in rape case

A man aged 44 appeared before Mildenhall magistrates in Suffolk yesterday charged with raping a girl hitch-hiker, aged 17, the wife of an American serviceman, eight days ago near Barton Mills. The man, who said nothing during the three-minute hearing was remanded in custody for seven

after News International, on behalf of Times Newspapers released the text of the letter from Mr John Biffen, Secre-tary of State for Trade, giving the reasons for his refusal to intervene in the dispute. Mr Biffen said the question of a breach of editorial indepen-dence was "essentially a mat-ter for Mr Giles himself to

Journalists' chapel [office branch] on The Sunday Times has claimed that recent changes of semior staff were initiated by Mr Rupert Murdoch, the newspapers' owner, not by Mr Giles, and hence breached guarantees given when Mr Murdoch bought the news-papers last year. The guaran-tees have been written into the

Mr Biffen's letter, addressed to Mr Peter Wilby, father [chairman] of the chapel at The Sunday Times, reads:

However, any dispute concerning the rights of the editors (as specified in my conditions) falls to be determined by the independent national directors, and I have no locus in such a dispute. Until the mount of the orum, seast London, was just another out of the orum, collection of council blocks on.

Mr. Robert Wareham, who lives at 25 Fermain Court, was remain two unfil recently of "call-

framework.

If Mr Giles considers that the dismissal of Mr Ron Hall [editor of The Sunday Times colour magazine] was effected without his consent, it is open to him to refer the matter for determination by the independent national directors in accordance with the company's articles. From what you have told me, it would appear that the editor did consent in this case. However, this is essentially a matter for Mr Giles himself to determine.

If you have any evidence that

If you have any evidence that the "free-standing" conditions attached to my consent have been breached, I would be happy to receive such evidence. But on the basis of what you say in your letter, I do not think that a meet-ing would be profitable.

Heart surgeons advance By Thomas Stuttaford, Medical Correspondent

Frank Weyrauch, with his mother, at the Harley Street clinic: He made the choice.

Surgeons at London's Harley was complicated by a complete day of her relief and was full

Street Clinic have made a significant advance in open-heart surgery in a nine-hour operation on a West German boy, Frank Weyrauch, aged 13, from Cologne.

His mother, Fran Sofia Wey-rauch, had been unable to find a German surgeon willing to operate. A British paediatric surgical team, having seen carefully prepared German data, estimated the chances of success were small.

But the boy made his ow

decision to take the risk, and yesterday he left the clinic breathing normally and fit for all the usual activities of a 13-year-old including a boisterous birthday party planned for tomorrow. Before the operation by valves. A septum is the this than a Crackborn and there they he could be no better example of this than a Crackborn and the could be no better example of this than a Crackborn and the could be no better example of this than a Crackborn and the could be no better example of the could be no better example. tion he could not take part in school games, swim, climb stairs or ride a bicycle and at

night he could only breathe if he was propped up. Mr Jaroslav Stark, cardiac surgeon at Great Ormond Street, who led the operating team, told me yesterday that the boy's main problem was a corrected transposition, which

pen. But late on Friday night Sharon Locke, aged 17, died after screaming for help for almost half an hour.

No one came to her aid, and

the one tenant who dialled 999

for the police rang off moments later because the

Police officers at the estate said yesterday, that was the likeliest explanation for the unidentified woman's remark

to them, "You aren't needed now". She had not given them enough information to make a search of the area possible,

The estate, although opened only in 1969-70, looks 50 years older. The sprawling buildings, crisscrossed by open stairwells and common walkways, are formally divided into

courts.
It was Fermain Court that

was the scene of the tragedy, but it could have been any one

of them. The tenants state firmly that the general chaos

screaming had stopped.

they added.

the wall between the two ventricles.

He created two valves con-necting the atria to the ventricles where previously there have far reaching effects by had only been one. That was extending the scope of cardiac probably the most intricate part of the surgery and the efficiency of those valves will be monitored carefully in the future.

compensatory mechanism, a so-called corrected transposition. Health Service. Exact figures are not available, but the total

Until the weekend the De was almost impossible to tell kept me awake for half an

one tenant who until recently had been in the habit of "call-ing the police all the time, for

the slightest thing".

If it was not children run-

ning and shouting until well after one am, it was the traffic

in stolen cars in the desolate

in stolen cars in the desolate area behind his flat: the cars would be driven into the area in the early morning hours, cannibalized for parts, and smashed up. Mr Wareham had also complained more than once of youths smoking marijuana down the hall.

Partly as a result of those

Partly as a result of those complaints, the police had in-

stituted regular patrols on the estate, he told The Times yesterday. He had assumed that the patrols were operating on

Friday night, when he was "woken up by terrible shouting and the sounds of more than one person running under

my bedroom window, up and

He was used to hearing such

down the lawn?

arrioventricular canal and of admiration for the care she other multiple abnormalities. had received from Mr Stark, Dr In the operation Mr Stark Tony Ricards, the cardiologist, created a septum between the and the medical and nursing single suricle to make it into team. The boy is the only child two and closed the defect in of a one-parent family, which meant the decision to operate had caused Mrs Weyrauch great personal anxiety.
Indirectly the decision will SUIZETY.

It is also thought that the German Heart Association (Deutsche Herze Hilfe) will now send further heart cases

name given to the wall between assisted by an English cardiothese chambers.

Very often if there is an abnormality in the great vessels

In the present case no cost

of the heart, there is often a was borne by the National German boy's case, when there are associated abnormalities.

Mrs Wevrauch spake Test

hour. After about 15 minutes they went higher, I could hear

they went nigher, I could hear the pitch of the girl's voice going higher. Help, help and then one last scream like 'eee...', and then everything went dead."

Mr Wareham said that

when the screaming stopped he assumed it was just another

domestic row. "Sometimes they go on for hours, throwing

furniture, breaking windows and everything." After learning of the girl's death he had been sick all day, he added. It was in one of several alcoves built into the block

that the body was found.
Tenants who live directly over that alcove say they heard

nothing at all out of the ord-inary on Friday night

Mrs Yvonne Maule, of num-ber 44, thought she might have

ber 44, thought she might have heard a voice saying. "Get here!", like a man calling his dog. The sounds Mr Wareham described "would have woken the whole block up", she said. Would she have called the police, in that case? Certainly. "That could have heen my own

That could have been my own

How a dying girl's cries went unremarked

Arts Council pointed out that while its total grant from the Government for its revenue clients had shown a 9 per cent clients had shown a 9 per cent increase, the four national companies would receive 10 per cent on average. The Royal Opera House will receive £9.55m, an increase of 8.3 per cent, to support the opera company, the Royal Ballet and Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in London and on tour. Ballet in London and on tour. The English National Opera's subsidy will be £4.9m—an in-crease of 8.9 per cent, for its work at the Coliseum. The National Theatre Board's

subsidy for its activities in its three South Bank theatres will amount to £5.95m, an increase of 10.2 per cent compared with ot 10.2 per cent compared with the current year, and the Royal Shakespeare Company's sub-sidy goes up from £2.55m to £3m. The RSC increase is highest at 17.5 per cent, which the Arts Connoil explains is to cover its work in Stratford at the Powal Shakespears Theatre the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and The Other Place, and its first season in its new London home at the Barbican Theatre and The Pit.
Additional funds will be available to enable the ENC,

Big four

theatre

companies

By Christopher Warman

Arts Correspondent

The four national theatre.

face cuts

cent less than inflation.

the National Theatre and the RSC to tour.
Although the RSC has done

better than the other national companies, it said the subsidy was "inadequate" given the current assessment of other sources of income. Last week, Mr. Trevor Nunn, joint artistic director, who is now in the United States, said that if they received less than a 30 per cent increase, they would be unable to continue the organization in its present scale and shape. It would plunge them deeper into trouble, he added, since the company was likely to end the current year with its worst-ever deficit.

Sir John Tooley, general director of the Royal Opera House, said it was inevitable they would lose one new opera

DOCTORS 'INVOLVED

creamed off £50,000 during the past three years.
Detectives are sifting through

thousands of prescription forms seized from a pharmacy in the Liverpool area. At least two others are under scrutiny for alleged frauds involving prescriptions, out of hours payments, and full-time fees claimed by a part-time doctor.

family had just returned from

people are really in trouble."

terday accused of murdering Miss Locke, who was described

IN FRAUD' From Our Correspondent

The fraud squad is investigating allegations of a large health service swindle in which doctors and chemists on Mersevside are said to hav

evidence was forthcoming for the inheritance of toler-

It was not a matter of indifference, she added, echoing other residents, but of confu-sion. "The papers have made us look a right bunch of bastards", she said. Mr Raymond Clouter, who

has lived next door since the estate opened, said he and his tions, or lack of them, will lead to long arguments in the standing committee considering the Local Government (Miscellaneous Previsions)

disturbance, however routine. De Beauvoir was not even a particularly bad estate, as such places go, he added. "We don't even get many muggings here." A schoolboy aged 16 from Stoke Newington was remanded in custody until next Monday at Hackney Juvenile Court yesmoving pictures, by whatever means produced, which are (a) concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deal with or relate to, or are intended to stimulate or em-

(b) concerned primarily, with the portrayal of, or primarily deal with, or relate to, ganital organs or urinary or excretary functions;

of the Bill to cinemas showing. A and the X-rated films. Parliamentary report, page 4

Overseas selling prices

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Yugoslavia Din 30.

firmly that the general chaos sounds nearly every night, he on the estate is such that it continued. "But this time they **Dole and wages ratio** lowest for 30 years By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

reduced the value of unem-ployment benefit by £2.16 a week for a married couple and £1.32 for a single person. The figures were given in written parliamentary answers, but had been published in *The Times* last week. At the time

the Department of Health and

Social Security confirmed their accuracy but declined to

make them official.

The Government confirmed the figures were provisional. last night that unemployment benefit had reached its lowest November unemployment November unemployment

point compared with wages benefit for a single person was for 30 years. New figures worth 17.5 per cent of average also showed that benefit cuts earnings of male manual over the past two years had workers, and 28.3 per cent for a married couple. · Those proportions were the

lowest at any benefit uprating since August, 1951, when the single person's benefit was worth 159 per cent of male manual earnings and the married couple's benefit was worth 25.7 per cent. Comparisons based on aver heir accuracy but declined to age earnings for all adult make them official. males have been available. The written answers said only since 1971.

Spread university cuts, teachers' union says By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

be cheaper to spread university cuts over five years and achieve the required job losses through natural wastage rather than restrict them to three years, involving an estimated 3,000 redundancies among academics.

national redundancy scheme for dons would amount to just

The Association of Univer- years' service would be-

In addition, the association vertible evidence that it would The association has calculated that the cost of achieving those

redundancies under the new over £94m, on the assumption that the average level of compensation would be £31,380 to which the "average" don on a salary of £12,869 with 17

sity Teachers has told the Gov-erument that it has incontro-

says, there would be a further cost to public funds of about £8m in unemployment benefit, lost taxes and National Insurance contributions, essuming that each redundant don re-mained unemployed for an average of six months before getting another job. That would bring the total cost of achieving the cuts over three

years to £102m.

If, however, the cuts were spread over five years, all 5.000 academic jobs, which the Government has estimated will have to go in order to achieve have to go in order to ach the required savings, could be shed through natural wastage.

Science report Lesson of repeated 'Lamarck' experiment

tesis By the Staff of "Nature"

will have to cut down on new If a series of experiments productions and repertory as just published by a roin sortium of eminent ima result of an increase in the Arts Council subsidy for munologists does not suc-1982-83, which averages 10 per ceed in laying the ghost of Lamarck, nothing will Lam The Royal Shakespeare Comarck was the biologist who pany, which wanted an increase early in the nineteenth of 30 per cent and has received century, suggested that evolution proceeded by the inheritance of acquired: 17.6 per cent, described the increase as inadequate, and the Royal Opera House, Covent characteristics. Garden, said it would have to

That idea has been all bur discredited since the time of Charles Darwin, but in May. cut one new production in the coming year.
In its announcement, the 1980, two immunologists produced apparent experimental support of Lamarchian inheritance; an exact repetition of the experiments by different immunologists has however, failed to give the same results.
The claimed evidence for

Lamarckian inheritance arose in a study of the phenomenon of immunological tolerance. Mice of one strain will usually reject a sking graft from another. But nice which are inoculated at birth with cells of the door. strain will grow to accept the grafts. This is known as neonatal tolerance. Two years ago, Dr P. Steele and Dr R. Gorczynski

then both in Ontario, claimed that that kind of acquired tolerance could be inherited. They published evidence that the offspring of mice that had acquired immunological tolerance were also to some degre tolerant. Many immunologists were inclined simply not to believe the results while others tried to reproduce or extend

them. The most telling attempt was by Sir Peter. Medawar, in whose laboratory at the Clinical Research Centre in Harrow, north London, Dr Steele was then temporarily resident. It was for the discovery of neonatal tolerance that Sir Peter was awarded a Nobel Prize in 1960. Dr Steele had not gone so far as to test directly the ac-quired tolerance of grafted skin, settling instead for aquicker test of tolerance using cells taken from the mice. Sir Peter and his col-

leagues, however, used both tests and found no evidence from either to lend sub-stance to Dr Steele's Lamerckian spectre. But niggling doubts re-mained, stemming mainly from the fact that not every detail of the experimental procedure of Dr Steele and procedure of Dr Steele and Dr Gorczynski had been followed. Sir Peter, Dr E. Simpson, Dr P. Chandler and Dr W. Fierz, of the Clinical Research Centre, together with Professor L. Brent and Dr L. S. Rayfield of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, have now consider out and published an carried out and published an exact repetition of the origi-

Source: Nature, vol 295, p 242 (January 21, 1982). O Nature-Times News Service

nal experiments. Again, no

A question of sexual definition

By George Clark

Some Conservative MPs were expressing dismay last night at the definitions of sexual and other activities contained in the Government's proposed amendments to the Bill to give local authorities control over sex shops and blue film cine-They fear that the defini-

a public house; they too, had heard nothing. "I know we had had a few, but we had not had that many."

Mr Clouter also took exception to charges of indifference. Bill.
That is the measure the Covernment has chosen to intro-duce the controls to allow "I don't think people are so hard. You seem to know when councils, acring in response to protests from local shop-keepers and householders, to refuse to license sex shops and Two plainclothes policemen on the De Beauvoir estate yesterday said they would always prefer to be called out for any

refuse to license sex smission cinemas.

In a new schedule to the Bill, "sex cinema" is extended to vehicles that could be used to display films or fairground booths. It states: "Sex cinema, means any premises, webicle, or stall used to a significant degree for the exhibition of moving pictures, by whatever

kid, she's eighteen." But in Miss Locke, who was described any case, "the police are not very quick in getting around Hoxton. (i) sexual activity: or
(ii) acts of force, restraint,
violence or cruelty which are
associated with sexual activity;

> but does not include a dwelling house to which the public is not admitted". Some MPs believe these definitions could extend the scope

Overseas selling prices

ing director of Seatop Naviga-tion, which has a paid-up capital of Cyprus £100. He has 99 per cent of the shares and

BL's Sherpa first in U.K. with gas conversion.

The advantages of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) are well-known to the Transport Industry. But until recently, no major UK manufacturer has been able to offer users

of light/medium vans the

chance to use LPG. BL's Freight Rover subsidiary is now marketing an LPG conversion for Sherpa Vans made by Landi-Hartog (UK) Ltd-

arranged at any Sherpa

specialised field. The system more than meets BL's own strict

safety requirements. It will cut fuel bills by at least 10% and reduce engine wear. Conversions can be

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NEWS IN

SUMMARY

Cycle chaos

planned in

fares fight

A mass demonstration by cyclist in central London is

being planned as part of a campaign to save the Greater London Council's policy of cheap public transport fares.

The campaign, organized through local groups and

community centres around London, was launched yesterday. The organizers hope that the "bike-in" by commuters will cause traffic chaos, to emphasize the need

for the GLC's fares scheme, declared illegal by the Law

Lords, to continue.
Other plans for the new

campaign, bringing together passengers and London Transport workers, include petitions, the distribution of

leaflets, posters and stickers. The Fare Fight Campaign was launched in London in the presence of Mr Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Camden, Holborn and St Pancras, South, and Mr

Martin Števens, Conservative

MP for Hammersmith, Ful-

ham.
The organizers said em-

ployees at one bus depot in

Chalk Farm, north London, had decided not to collect the

increased fares which come into effect on March 21, but

to maintain them at present

Youth cut brake

A youth cut the brake

cables of a woman's car and watched as it careered down

Then George Cummings, aged 18, of Maxwell Drive, Pollokshaws, Glasgow, who had cut through the brake

pipe, offered to repair the car. He was remanded in custody for reports after admitting cutting the cable

and attempting to defraud the woman of £6 for the

Heathrow staff

cables of car

Cuts force lab Lamarch tests to close

from the disorder.

"Unless I can continue my work, we will never know. My questions might be answered in ten to twenty years hence", he said.

technique

Dr Peter Emerson, dean of

Matthews's department was earmarked for closure

and provided few services for the hospital.

come before research. In

the ground with a hand on

his neck so that he was suffocating, and had been kicked by five or six officers.

had accused the Special Patrol Group of being the

Yesterday Judge Lord
Dunboyne sentenced Amos to
three months in a detention
centre for possessing an

ge, in the offensive weapon. It was, the formally judge said, "a criminally anti-social act in the circum-

that Professor

vesterday ·

By Annabel Ferryman, Health Services Correspondent A research laboratory with Professor Matthews, whose an international reputation, laboratory analyses 400 which has developed complicated tecniques for diagnosand the United States saiding blood disorders, is faced yesterday that homes for the ing blood disorders, is faced with closure because of mentally handicapped might be full of children suffering

government cuts. The laboratory, which is part of Westminster Hospital Medical School, London, is run by Professor David Matthews, who has been asked to retire early, and by Dr John Linnell, who is being made redundant. It is due to

made redundant. It is due to close on March 31 to save about £40,000 a year.

Professor Matthews says it is the only centre in the world which possesses the technique of separating and measuring different forms of vitamin B12 in the blood.

The technique for analysing the presence of different types of vitamin B12 was pioneered 16 years ago by Professor Matthews, whose laboratory also carries out work on how the body absorbs proteins. vitamin B12 in the blood.

A low level of vitamin B12, the Westminster Hospital which leads to pernicious anaemia, is easy to establish by simple blood tests, but the tests carried out at the Westminster establish the because Westminster establish the because it did not provide exact levels of different teaching for medical students and provided for closure

Professor Matthews be-lieves that the lack of certain lieves that the lack of certain types of the vitamin often the university of £1.3m had goes undiagnosed and that babies might be dying of such disorders without the cause being known.

In times of financial difficulty, teaching and services to patients had to

In mild cases the disorder addition, Professor Matthews's research had implications only for rare disorders, Dr Emerson said. results in mild mental handicap, but in severe cases it can lead to serious anaemia, crippling, and death.

vesterday for their bravery,

devotion to duty, and "manly restraint" in causing rela-

tively minor injuries to a young black arrested during

the Brixton riots last year, in a struggle that the defendant

had described as a matter of

Judge Lord Dunboyne,

passing sentence at the Inner

London Crown Court, also criticized the way the defence

had been conducted, and provided guidance for the taxing officer that may well

result in a cut in the fees of

Mr Sibghat Kadri, the de-fence counsel, who is joint

hairman od the Society of

Black Lawyers.

Mr Kadri and the judge had repeatedly clashed during the three-day trial, and at one point the judge, in the

interests of justice to any-

majority verdict of posses-

sing an offensive weapon, a

During his arrest he bit an

jury's absence, cautioned Mr Kadri.

Judge praises SPG for

'manly restraint' at riot

By Nicholas Timmins

A judge praised members he was acting in self defence, of the Special Patrol Group that he had been pinned to

Wounded PC's wife says he will go back

The wife of Police Con-stable Ian Bennett said yesterday that she was against community policeman in the St Paul's area of Bristol where he was injured in a gang attack at the weekend, although she was sure he would want to go back as

would want to go back as soon as possible.

Mrs Carole Bennett, aged 38, was speaking after visiting her husband in Bristol Royal infirmary, where he is being treated for eye and jaw injuries, a fractured skull and a broken nose. She described the injuries as described the injuries as horrific.

A surgeon had told her yesterday that he thought her husband's sight would be saved. The police believe PC Bennett, aged 36, a father of two, was hit on the head by flying bottle when a mob attacked him and Police Constable Nigel Strachan. Mrs Bennett is convinced that her husband will go straight back to St Paul's, where he has served for 11 years. "I feel absolutely years. "I feel absolutely terrible about him wanting to

go back, but I know that is all he wants to do."

She added: "All I can pray for is that if this had been the cost, perhaps that will be the end to it. I would like him to have a less dangerous job. But I am afraid I know that is all he wants to do. He loves the area, the job, and the large majority of people who live there."

PC Bennett was one of the first constables to return to foot patrol after the St Paul's riots in April, 1980, which caused damage estimated at £1m. Senior Avon and Somerset police officers described him as an extremely popular officer, who has worked exceptionally hard to involve himself in the community. When he was hit by the

bottle on Saturday night, PC Bennett lay on the ground for two or three minutes medical evidence had shown a bruise on Amos's left shoulder and right foot and facial cuts. He had been certified fit to be detained. Mr Kadri, in Amos's defence had accused the Special cuts to be detained that his badly bruised with the special cuts had accused the Special cuts to the special cuts that his badly bruised with the special cuts that his badly bruised with the special cuts that his badly bruised cuts the special cuts the special cuts that his badly bruised cuts the special cuts the special cuts that his badly bruised cuts the special cuts the special cuts that his badly bruised cuts the special cuts the special cuts that his badl eye can be saved.

ratrol Group of being the SAS of the police and of seeking revenge on black youths in Brixton. "You were called into the riot areas to snatch any black youngster and inflict as much punishment as possible on them," he said.

Vesterday Judge Lord Help for children The British National Oil Corporation is to sponsor, at the cost of £8,500, an extra inspector to work in Glasgow for the Royal Scottish So-ciety for Prevention of Cruel-



Prebendary Michael Baughan, the next Bishop of Chester, outside Church House, London yesterday with his wife, Myrtle, and children, from left, Andrew, Rachel and Philip (Diary, page 10.)

Court claim by ousted union man

From Our Correspondent A man involved in an eight-

year battle with his union yesterday claimed he had been harassed by senior police officers. Mr John Stevenson, aged 56, of Barlow Moor Road,

Chorlton, Manchester, is asking for a High Court declaration in Manchester that his second dismissal as an area official of the union was contrary to natural justice.

He also claims damages from the Manchester-based United Transport Union in a contested case.

Mr Stevenson, who is conducting his own case, said that in 1977 the Court of Appeal upheld a Chancery Court decision that he should get his job back. "Afterwards I

stantly harassed by senior police officers in this city", he said. "I asked for protec-tion during this trial and afterwards. I ask that none of my witnesses be arrested or taken in for examination during this trial. They may be in some peril". Mr Stevenson said he had been convicted of misusing a

union credit card to obtain petrol, and a car insurance offence, which he had denied, and was conditionally discharged.

The hearing continues

Wanted: 180 health volunteers

Common cold drug hopes

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor Yet the limited studies on

of interferon and the under-

engineered bacteria.

The first successful use of interferon, the substance cell cultures at Salisbury a that occurs naturally in the body in tiny amounts and which leapt to prominence decade ago show that inter-feron will stop rhimovirus, a common cold microbe, from three years ago as a potential multiplying. But the mechanism by which that happens is only now becoming clear. wonder drug, appears to be as a treatment for the common cold. Following laboratory tests, doctors at the Common Cold Research only now becoming clear.

Recent advances in biotechnology will allow the
early tests to be repeated and
the manufacture of a prep-Unit of the Medical Research Council, in Salisbury, are seeking 180 healthy people for extended clinical trials. aration to be given to people. But it is no accident that the advances in bulk production

Over the past 36 years the research unit has investigated many possible drugs transfer on and the unter-standing of how it works are happening in parallel.

Two drog firms are supply-ing the common cold unit with pure interferon. Hoff-mann La Roche working with for preventing colds; and more than 10 years ago, it did some limited studies with interferon. But it is only in the past two years that the agent has become available in any quantity. Before that, the world production was about 400 milligrams (0.014 ounces) a year, and that was extracted from about 45,000 litras of serving from blood Genenitech, and Schering Plough have given, free of charge agents made in their laboratories from genetically

The research team has already tested some as a litres of serum from blood The main source was the public health laboratory in Helsinki, where Dr Kari Cantell perfected a brilliant but elaborate method for harvesting samples from laboratory.

human blood. The process is intricate because an individ-ual's blood normally contains only a few parts per million, and the substance must be purified if it is to be used as

believes that interferon should make an ideal drug for colds because it is effective against so many other viruses. A "simple" cold is really a complicated infection involving many viruses, he says.

The body manufactures interferon antomatically when infected by viruses. Scientists believe that by increasing the level of interferon ahead of an infection, they can increase the natura defence mechanisms.

nasal spray on a small group of volunteers and confirmed the earlier findings in the Many questions remain.
Will this interferon protect
against attacks by cold and
flu viruses? What dosage is most effective, and can be tolerated? Are there side effects? Other trials, for other diseases, have shown

flu-like symptoms with heavy Dr David Tyrrell, director

No comment from Army

on bullying claim on TV

By Henry Stanhope, Defence Corres

The Army yesterday de-clined to comment on tele-

bullying in the ranks because

it had not been allowed to see

It was claimed on the programme, which was put together by Granada's World in Action team, that scores of cases of ill treatment of

soldier "misfits" during the past four years had been

One black said that he was

burnt on the back with a red-

hot iron. Another soldier, who did not appear, was said to have been tied to the front

of an Army lorry and beaten

with a sledgehammer.

it in advance.

programme about

of the Common Cold Unit

the ramp of a car park, stopping just short of cross-ing traffic, Glasgow Sherriff Court was told yesterday.

However, the immense surge of interest in the substance has been based on a belief that it will have more profound effects than a cure for the common cold. For example, compounds made by the Wellcome Foundation are among those being tested in Britain by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's

Nevertheless, early claims of dramatic remissions in the treatment of certain cancers have been replaced in the past few months with more cautious estimates of the potency of interferon as an anti-cancer agent. The extensive scientific studies in research laboratories have raised as many questions as they have provided answers about how it controls the body's defence mechanism.

Mr Peter Blaker, Minister

of State for the Armed Forces, was invited to appear; but he refused because

Granada wanted to do a 20-

minute interview without

telling him the questions in advance. The Ministry of Defence said the department

has asked to see the film

before last's night's screen-

ing, but Granada had re-fused.

The programme comes two

years after Private James Darkin, aged 18, killed him-

self after severe bullying by other soldiers. Questions were asked in Parliament after his death.

threaten strike British Airways ramp staff at Heathrow airport, London, were threatening an indefi-nite strike today if any of the workforce were suspended for failing to implement a new roster and adopt flexible

working arrangements.
The 2,600 transport union ramp workers in Heathrow's Terminal One and Two, which include baggage loaders, drivers, aircraft cleaners and catering and ca and catering and cargo staff, say the new conditions would mean longer hours and loss of overtime pay.

£40,000 school fire

Obscene anti-Roman Catholic slogans were daubed on the walls of St Edward's Roman Catholic Middle School in Aylesbury on School in Aylesbury on Sunday night by arsonists who caused more than £40,000 damage.

Two nurses slashed

Two auxiliary nurses were attacked with a razor by one of three men who broke into a Bournemouth nursing home yesterday. Miss Karen Storey and Penelope Cola were treated for cuts in hospital.

Solicitor MP in negligence suit

From Arthur Osman, Birmingham

Yesterday the judge said there had been only two issues in the case. The defence, however, had been conducted "in such a way view, at least twice as long as necessary or desirable in the interests of instica to any of the conducted to help the police instead of lobbing bricks

He formally commended a solicitor, was necessary or desirable in the interests of instica to any of the SPG unit, "for the lobbing bricks and a solicitor, was alleged at Birmingham High Court yesterday to have distributed to the police that a support of the conduction of the server of the conduction of the conducti Mr Delwyn Williams, Con-He formally commended alleged at Birmingham High the SPG unit, "for the discipline, the bravery, the devotion to duty and, I may to the case of a client. It was claimed that he failed ade-Anthony Amos, aged 20, of add, the manly restraint Roupell Estate, Brixton, was acquitted on Friday of assault, but convicted by a 10-2 minor injuries sustained by claimed that he failed adequately to carry out instruc-tions and on two occasions acted contrary to them.
Mr Colin Biffen, aged 48,

the accused in a very violent of Tamworth Mill, Aston on struggle between the accused and the officers in uniform Clun, Shropshire, is claiming damages from Mr Williams, who at the time of a transaction between them in which the accused himself described as a matter of life transaction between them in 1975 was practising in Welshpool. Mr Biffen alleged that Mr Williams was negligent while acting in the purchase of a plot of land and the building of a house in the village of Edgton, near Crayen Arms. Shropshire. Craven Arms, Shropshire.

Mr David Foskett, for Mr early in 1975 to buy a plot of Biffen, said: "Behind this land in Edgton and build a litigation lie two disputes over the purchase of land, over the title of the land and and one building dispute." by the middle of 1975 Mr Mr Biffen was involved in Biffen had decided to termintwo of the disputes. Mr Foskett said it was

and on two occassions his acting contrary to them, Mr

had adopted a cavalier ap-manded.

over the title of the land and by the middle of 1975 Mr ate the contracts to buy the land and to build a house. Mr alleged that as a result of Mr Williams, however, encour-williams's failure to carry aged him to take a different out his client's instructions, and on two occassions his started. Biffen's position in one case Mr Biffen said that he and was destroyed and in another his wife wanted to withdraw

house. But difficulties arose

serioulsy undermined.

Mr Biffen had been caused were put under pressure by serious financial loss and the builder and Mr Williams there has been distress and to allow the former to go on anxiety for himself and his site. By September, 1975, he family over several years. Mr had paid £3,446 and later Foskett said that Mr Williams another £4,000 was de-



Mark Cougle battered and stabbed his great-great aunt to death for the sake of £20. He had spent his wages on

in May. Mr Robin Stewart, QC, for

then cut her throat". He said Miss Simpson's

skull was fractured by five blows from the poker, which broke in two. She died from

Cougle, aged 18, a trainee chef, gambled away the £23.50 wages he received from a Youth Opportunities Programmme soon after being paid, the court was told. The teenager was said to

have told the police: "I went to an arcade and spent all my money playing the machines.

I was thinking of some way

Cleveland, ransacked the house for the £20 he needed, and ran off.

proach to the case. He told Mr Williams the Mr Biffen had decided claim ought to be defended.

LED BOY TO KILL AUNT Sarah Simpson, aged 78, who was blind, was murdered by a teenage relative because of his fatal fascination for

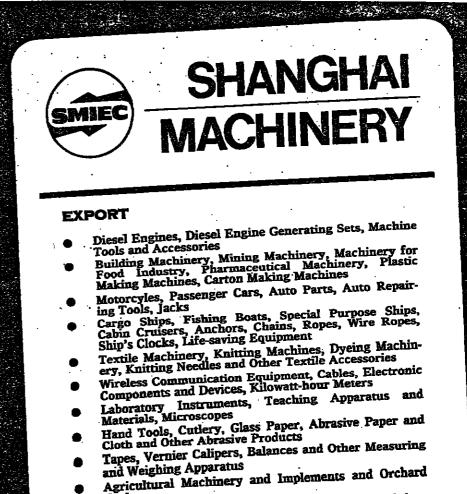
gaming machines and space invaders, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court, was told

electronic games at an amusement arcade and need ed cash to pay board to his parents, the court heard. He was ordered to detained at the Queen's pleasure after admitting murdering Miss Simpson at her home in Vicarage Road, Silksworth, Tyne and Wear,

the procecution, said: is a horrifying case in which a young man attacked his great-great aunt, battered her unconscious with a poker, used a knife to stab her to death through the heart, and

one of five stab wounds through the heart, and suf-fered another eight in the

to get money and I thought of my Aunt Sally." After the killing Cougle, of Bilsdale Road, Seaton Carew,

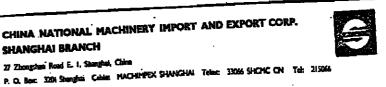


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TV LINK' TO FIRE **ATTACKERS** By Kenneth Gosling

SPG officer's finger to the described as bone. Mr Amos claimed that and death"...

A fire-eating scene from an Italian film shown on BBC television may have been copied by a gang of youths who attacked a boy in Liverpool at the weekend.

The theory is being investi-gated by Merseyside police who are searching for the attackers of Donald Curlett, aged 15, of Alfonso Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool. One of three youths is said to have spat petrol into his face while a second threw a lighted

match at him.

The boy fell to the ground with his face and hair burning. He managed to smother the flames with his hands and was treated in hospital. Merseyside police said yesterday they were treating the attack as a serious assault. The police said they under-

stood a similar attack was shown on a film review programme. The only recent film depicting anything at all similar was the Film International presentation on BBC 2 on January 23 of Salto nel Vuoto (Leap Into the Void).

In it, one of the members of a troupe of performers takes a mouthful of paraffin, spits it out and lights it while someone says, "Be very careful, you can get burnt like that'

A BBC official said yester-day that she doubted whether the gang involved would have been watching the film, which was presented with English subtitles. It was described as "fairly heavy going". They could equally well have got the idea for the attack from seeing fire-eaters on other programmes or in

The boy told the police that at first he thought water was being spat at him. But the next thing I knew flames were coming from my face. I burnt my hands putting the discrimination over other flames out. When I touched unsuccessful attempts for my face bits of skin started

The police are looking for and "never to be seen three youths aged about 15. again".

VAT MAN WINS AGE RULING

An age limit in the Civil Service careers system worked unfairly against an immigrant barrister's hopes of advancement, the Employment Appeal Tribunal ruled yesterday.

The age limit applied to prospective administrative trainees was attacked by Mr K. W. Dayananda Perera of the customs and excise as unintentional race

Mr Perera, aged 41, of Montrose Avenue, Edgware, London, said the upper limit of 32 infringed the Race Relations Act, 1976.

He argued that most coloured immigrants entered Britain as adults. Therefore fewer coloured civil servants than whites reached the administrative trainee stage

before the age of 32. Mr Perera, who came to Britain in 1973 from Sri Lanka, pointed out that in the Southall value-added tax office where he worked there were 22 white executive officers under 32, but none of the 13 coloured people was under 32. Thereafter none of the coloured people could apply for the administrative

training course. Mr Iustice Wilkinson, presiding, said the statistical evidence presented the Civil commission supported Mr Perera's evidence.
"The fact that a substantial

number of coloureds are adult immigrants suggests that the statistical evidence, such as it is, probably gives a correct picture," the judge

The tribunal held that Mr Perera had proved indirect discrimination over his appli-cation to become an administrative trainee and was entitled to compensation, to be assessed later.

But the court ruled against his complaints of racial sent more than £500, food hampers, and other gifts. He sent £100 to the Penlee Lifeboat fund. He also dispromotion. In one of those he was assessed as unsuitable



Mr Wood now and after the attack

Youths are sentenced for torture of old man

wars showed astonishing bravery and generosity after he was tortured by two teenagers Plymouth Crown Court heard yesterday. Mr Fred Wood, aged 82, insisted on the last word after two masked youths, posing as carol singers, broke into his home in Plymouth. The teenagers gagged the former naval rating, almost causing him to choke on his false teeth. He was beaten and slashed repeatedly across the face with a sheath knife, Mr Richard Rains, for the prosecution, told the court. But as the youths said they were leaving, Mr Wood said de-fiantly "Well go on then." Mr Wood's ordeal was

heavily publicized a fortnight

before Christmas and he was

A veteran of two world tributed food parcels and ars showed astonishing other gifts to pensioners near his home in Lakeside Drive "He Mr Rains behaved with very great

courage and very great generosity to others in greater need than himself." Photographs of Mr Wood's injuries were produced in court when Martin Temme, aged 17, unemployed, who lives next door but one to the pensioner and Michael Garratt aged 16, a storeboy, of Hornchurch Road, Michael Ernesettle, pleaded guilty to robbing him of £13.60 and a wristwatch worth £10.

Temme was jailed for three years and Garratt was ordered to be detained for "a period of up to three years".

Mr Wood, who has recovered from his injuries, did not attend the hearing. At his home he said: "I just went to forget all about it.

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The preliminary inquiry into the Penlee lifeboat disaster is ex-pected to be completed by the end of this month, Mr lain Sproat, Under-Secretary of State for Trade, said at question time in the Commons. Sir William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) asked what consideration the Department of Trade had given to the problems

made of the Lloyd's standard form of salvage agreement under which remuneration is determined after the salvage operation by agreement or arbitration. This minimizes the preliminaries to rapid action.

of current contract practice with

regard to the salvage of stricken ships.

minimizes the preminimaries to rapid action.

I keep under review whether there are lessons to be learnt from individual incidents. The United Kingdom delegation to IMCO will play its full part in the coming revision of the 1910 Brussels convention on salvage.

Sir William van Straubenzee: I Sir William van Straubenzee: I appreciate that he cannot comment on the merits of the recent and particularly tragic case involving the loss of the entire crew who went to the rescue.

If there is any justification for the view that delay in settling the salvage terms was one of the

causes, possibly something on the lines of mandatory provisions which would come into effect on certain basic conditions being satisfied, might be something to be considered in the revision of which he spoke.

Mr Sproat: We will be willing to look at any lessons which we could learn from the inquiry currently being carried out by the RNLI and my department and the Government of the Republic of Ireland, but traditional mariners' law believes that the ship's master is the best person to decide whether his ship is in

Mr John Prescott (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab): For a successful tow of the stricken vessel adequate manning is required. Has he seen the Minister of Transport's statement from Ire-land that manning levels in Ireland are the same as Britain's?



requiring a fair amount of work by IMCO, but I hope that it will be at the next diplomatic conference, 1984-85. Mr Sproat: I read the newspaper reports to which he refers and will consider that in the light of the Irish Government's report when it is made available to me.

Sir Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C): This is particularly significant in areas of the English Channel and in the south-east of Kent where we have Mr David unspurg (Dewsbury, SDP): What sort of time scale does he envisage? How soon will to be before a convention is

expressed so far?

Mr Sproat: Yes. I give that assurance. I hope and expect that the preliminary inquiry will be completed by the end of this Mr Spruat: On the IMCO Mr Spruat: He is right about the agreement, there is to be a extremely busy, difficult and meeting in 1984. I believe there potentially dangerous nature of the English Channel. When the have to be settled before then preliminary inquiry is completed



or Kenneth Wookner, an Oppo-Mr Kenneth Wookner, an Opposition spokesman on trade (Batley and Morley, Lab): On the question of the Union Star disaster and the Penlee lifeboat, when does he expect the preliminary inquiry to report? Will he give an assurance that he will look carefully at the call for a proper public inquiry to investigate the many doubts expressed so far?

Mr Sproat: Yes, I give that

Building society practice disliked by minister

INSURANCE

The practice of some building societies in forcing mortgage holders to insure their property with a particular company, which might not give best value, was wrong, Mrs Saily Oppenheim, Minister of Consumer Affairs,

She stated that she would strongly support the Director General of Fair Trading in any attempt to end the practice. Asked whether the review of the extrictive trade practices of the Asked whether the review or the restrictive trade practices of the Building Societies Association had yet been completed, she said some of the association's recommendations were still the subject of discussion. It was a

subject of discussion. It was a matter for the Director General of Fair Trading.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) asked if she was satisfied with the monitoring of Building Societies Association/Office of Fair Trading agreements which had been made in the past, in particular the choice of insurance company which in practice a number of companies still did not grant.

panies, will no longer occur.
Following discussions last
year, the Director of Fair
Trading and the Building
Societies Association have said

Mr Sproat said that in 1981 the four London area airports, Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted, handled 39,382,030 terminal passengers and 404,717

air transport movements. The corresponding figures for 1980 were 39,553,508 terminal passen-

gers and 430,531 air transport

the association no longer recommends borrowers should insure their property through an agent of the building society. The Director General has said he is satisfied that, if the building societies follow the recommen-dation on freedom of choice of insurance companies, the situation will no longer occur. It is being carefully monitored.

Mr Kenneth Weetch (Ipswich, Lab): Many of these restrictive practices arise from the fact that building society boards of direct-ors are self-perpetuating anti-democratic bodies. Many of these boards — the Anglia being a flagrant example — seek to prevent new blood coming on to those boards.

Mrs Oppenheim: Self-perpetual ing, anti-democratic organiza-tions do not have a place in my good books. If he has a particular good books. It he has a particular practice in mind—and I am sure this is a serious point he is making—perhaps he will draw it to the attention of the Director General I would also be glad to see a copy of it.

particular the choice of insurance company which in practice a number of companies still did not grant.

Would she agree with the National Consumer Council report which she said that in practice very few members have any influence on the way their own building society operates?

Mrs Oppenheim: I have a considerable amount of sympathy with his first point. I hope the practice he referred to, the nomination of insurance companies, will no longer occur.

Following discussions last

Mrs Oppenheim: Yes, it is wrong. Yes, I will strongly support the Director General of Fair Trading.

of State for the Armed Forces, said that people's search for the truth about the Government's policies of Legal aid Bill for duty

A Legal Aid Bill which have greatly varying methods provides for a national and practices as to which scheme for a duty solicitor in defendants are aided and for magistrates' courts and for what aspect of the proceed

consultation with the Law courts who seem in most Society has the widespread need of it or do not have backing of the legal protheir own solicitor. If needs It will put what has been a

the duty solicitors.

have not liked the idea".

The Government yesterday deterrance and disarmament launched a new drive to had not been helped by the counter what it regards as misleading propaganda about disarmament movement disarmament movement. its defence policies by the disarmament movement Campaign for Nuclear Dis-

Cabinet sets out

CND 'distortions'

to counter

armament

multilateral disarmament.

He attacked as grossly irresponsible and CND allegation in a leaflet entitled Nuclear War and You that the Ministers held a briefing session at Conservative Cen-Government had a policy of tral Office for about ninety possible surprise attack on the Soviet Union. Although members of the party's speaking panels from all over the CND had since withdrawn Britain advising them on how that allegation, they should withdraw the whole leaflet which contained other er to reply to the arguments of the unilateralists, and to present the Covernment's stance on arms control and

"The Government's defence policy is to prevent war — any war — by making it The Government's cam-paign is in response to what clear to any possible ag-gressor that he would stand to lose more than he would gain," Mr Blaker explained. it sees as growing public demands for quick progress on arms control agreements. The workers, who included many prospective parliamen-tary candidates, were told by Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, of the danger when Recent events in Poland had given added weight to the policy of deterrace and disarmament by negotiation. "They have shown the shal-lowness of the claim that the people, tempted by their own anxieties, turned to unilateraunilateralist campaign in the West has encouraged an enduring movement of peace. "The silliest remark in this whole discussion was that a ful protest in Eastern

unilateralist was a multilate-ralist who meant it," he said. Europe. Yesterday's meeting On the contrary, a unilateincided with the publication ralist is someone who ignores the real world and whose policy, if adopted, would doom multilateral disarmaof a Conservative Political Centre pamphlet, Defending the Peace, by Mr David.
Trippier, Conservative Mp
for Rossendale, in which he
suggests that the message of
the Government's defence ment ro failure. Mr Peter Blaker, Minister policies has not got across. Defending the Peace (CPO, 32 Smith Square, London SWI: 11)

Makers to get swifter approvals

STANDARDS

There had been a considerable improvement in the processing of specifications for approval submitted to the Quality Assurance and Standards Division of the Department of Trade, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, said during questions

Miss Betty Boothroyd (West Bromwich West, Lab) had asked the Secretary of State for Trade to increase the recruiment to the division with the object of enabling British manufacturers submitting specifications and designs to obtain final approval within six months.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim: The numbers of engineering posts in the National Weights and Measures Laboratory of the division has already been increased with the aim of reaching a decision on new designs of weighing or measuring equip-ment within a few months of

submission
Following a shortage of engineers which led to delays, recruiting to fill the extra posts has been pressed vigourously over the past two-and-a-half years and as a result I hope that the last post will be filled shortly. Furthermore, new examination procedures agreed with manufacturers were introduced on January 1. Among other things they will help to speed up the approval process.

Miss Boothroyd: A delay of two years before a Government department could examine a specification submitted by indus-try was an indictment on the

proper function of that department. Further, such delays have been having adverse effects to British manufacturing industry with losses of productivity, export markets and jobs.

She should assure the manufacturing sector that any submit.

Mr Sproat: I intend to take few

facturing sector that any submit-ted specification for approval will not have to wait longer than six months before they get an indication of their acceptance. Mrs Oppenheim: The case she referred to me which took two years was not by any means a straightforward case. The record now shows there is a considerable improvement and there is no indictment of the department in the case she brought to my attention.

attention.

There were 21 cases waiting examination or actually under examination for final approval between January and June 1981 and only five between July and December 1981, so already in the past year there has been a noted improvement which I hope will continue.

Government sticking to sale of BA

protect BA from the need to

Mr Sproat: I intend to take few steps. They should be taken by the board. Anything they do to turn round the profits of BA has my full encouragement. I con-gratulate Sir John King and his board on the trenchant and robust measures they are taking. Mr Kenneth Woohner, an Oppo-sition spokesman on trade (Batley and Morley, Lab): Can he give an assurance that there will be no more stripping of profit-able BA routes to tempt other

able BA routes to temp. or airlines?

Before taking a further decision on BA, would be look at the transatlantic air fares war and see whether this is a major explanation of the problems faced by BA along with many others in recent years?

"war" on the North Atlantic, in 1980 the three British carriers operating on that route out-earned the nine American the suggestion that he intends to out-earned the nine American carriers: a tremendous achievement by the British airline industry, including British Airways. I have no intention of stripping any routes.

When woomser: would no without we say woomser: would ne without with the suggestion that he intends to sell off BA? Can he confirm that if he goes ahead with that madcan scheme, there is no intention to sell more than a minority shareholding?

It remained Government policy to dispose of British Airways as soon as practicable but as a going and viable concern. Mr Iain Sproat, Under Secretary of State for Trade, said.

Mr Bowes Wells (Hertford and Stevenage, C) had asked if in formulating policy towards aviation the minister would take action specifically to improve and protect the position of British changing to this practice.

Would he discuss it with the fuddy-duddies in HM Customs and Excise?

Mr Clinton Davis (Hackney, Central, Lab): It is evident that it could not to be in the national interest to privatize BA in the foreseeable future or at all. Why not make a contribution to the future viability of BA by undertaking to get rid of the barmy scheme his predecessor introduced?

Mr Sproat: I disagree. It remains this Government's intention to privatize BA as soon as prac-ticable.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brent-wood and Ongar, C): Is it the Government's position that it is opposed to the disposal of profitable BA subsidiaries, such

as helicopters?

Mr Sproat: So far the Government has taken the view that it would be best to sell off British Airways, when it does so, as a going and viable concern.

BA helicopters have made substantial profits over the past few years, for which they should be congratulated. I would not rule out selling off the subsidiaries.

Mr Spreat: I do not intend to confirm that. If he prefers "denationalize" to "privatize", so

Signs seen of growth in

The Government will shortly announce its conclusions on representations it asked for protect BA from the need to operate competitively. In formulating civil aviation policy, however, the Government will continue to give due weight to the interests of BA, as to those of other British airlines.

An Excise?

Mr Sproat: While rejecting the epithets about HM Customs and the four London airports, Mr Excise and without being able to the interests of BA, as to those of other British airlines.

London bid for trade mark office

Britain could succeed in winning the site of the EEC trade mark office only by putting forward London as the location, Mr Reginald Eyre, Under Secretary of State for Trade, said in answering questions about the claims of other English cities to be put forward for the site. Industrial property work could drift away from this country if the bid was unsuccessful, he stated. movements.
Mr Alan Haselhurst (Saffron Walden, C): These figures, especially when taken with forecasts of future passenger scale and the introduction of

of Ministers would in due course decide where the EEC trade mark office should be located. Four member states, including the United Kingdom, had formally offered to receive the office. The United Kingdom propose

London over eight years ago and had recently reminded the Community of her bid by widely distributing a brochure which the Government produced jointly with the Greater London Council I must emphasize the importance to the United Kingdom of being successful in this bid to secure the European Community trade mark office, otherwise there is a danger of a drift of industrial markety work away. industrial property work away from this country, as happened when the European Patent Office was sited at Munich.

ing stages.

Commons (2.30): Questions: Employment; Prime Minister. Coal Industry Bill, second reading. New Towns Bill, remain-

solicitors in courts By Frances Gibb

an overhaul of the way criminal legal aid is administered was published by the Government yesterday.

The Bill, which has been drawn up by the Lord Chancellor's department in

voluntary and piecemeal system on to a more uniform basis and standardize criteria about who receives help from

The schemes, now run by the Law Society's local legaid committees, provide for

solicitors on a rota to give emergency advice and help to defendants in magistrates ary they make bail appli-cations for them. The Bill published yester day also enables the Lord Chancellor to make regu-

lations giving the Law Society legal aid committees It does not make it compulsory for duty solicitor schemes to be set up in all magistrates' courts. But the present over civil legal aid in the way that they have at present over civil legal aid. Law Society said: "One That will improve the object is to put pressure on consistency with which applitude the courts and police who cations are dealt with It also reforms the system of contri-

There are at present duty butions paid by defendants solicitor schemes in 130 towards the criminal legal aid magistrates' courts. They they receive, bringing that have grown up in a piecemeal too into line with civil aid fashion in the last decade and system.

SUICIDE VERDICT ON EX-WIFE

The divorced wife of Robert Conquest, the Ameri-can author, killed herself with a large drugs overdose because she never recovered from the break-up of their marriage, an inquest heard yesterday. Titania Conquest, aged 61,

who was born in Bulgaria, had suffered a nervous breakdown and gone into many mental homes for treatment for her depression, Westminster Coroner's Court

She was found dead at her home in Ravensdale Avenue, Finchley, north London, before Christmas after swallowing a large quantity of tranquillizers and anti-

lifelong friend, of Fin-borough Road, Earl's Court, told the inquest: "She suf-fered a mental breakdown following bor divorces own following her divorce and never got over it. The last time I saw her alive she was very disturbed and talked of going into a mental home for good."

literary editor of The Spec-tator in the early 1960s. burglary. The case continues today.

TEENAGERS ACCUSED OF KILLING

From Our Correspondent Nottingham

The killers of a widow aged 70 were her neighbours, a court was told yesterday. Three teenage brothers, Mark, Tony, and Martin Cooper, crept into the house next door through the false roof in the middle of the night, Mr Colin Colston, QC, for the prosecution, said at Nottingham Crown Court
Mark, aged 18, hit Mrs
Lilian Barnes, of Leighton
Street, Radford, Nottingham, about the head with a mallet, and then stabbed her vicious ly and repeatedly with a

ly and repeatedly with a knife, it was alleged.
Mr Colston said that the weapons were handed to Mark by Tony, aged 17, and Martin, aged 15.

The brothers stole £5.84 in cash, a portable radio, two purses and two keys, he added added.

They returned to their swn home the way they had come. Later, it was alleged, two of them returned to open Mrs Barnes's back door and window to divert suspicion

Leeds 'fixed' match

the High Court yesterday that his old team captain, Billy Bremner, was sent by Don Revie, his manager, to "fix" an opposing team player "to get the right result."

Mr Sprake, aged 38, now retired from soccer and

retired from soccer and living in Solihull, said the incident occurred at the end of the 1971 season in a home game against Nottingham Forest.

ship from Arsenal Leeds won 2-0, but still failed to take the championship. Mr Sprake was giving evidence on the fifth day of a libel damages claim by Mr Bremner, now manager of Doncaster Rovers, over a

Mr Bremner is suing Odhams Newspapers and Danny Hegan, former Wolverhampton Wanderers play-

er, who made accusations in the article. Both deny libel and say the allegations were true.

Mr Sprake told Mr Justice Mr Sprake told Mr Justice
Bristow and the jury that
before the Leeds versus
Notts Forest match in May,
1971, Mr Revie told his team
that he was sending Mr
Bremner to see Dougle Fraser, an opposition team member. "to get the right result" and Mr Sprake said he saw Mr Bremner go.

Mr Sprake said: "He came back and said he had seen Dougle and it would be OK, from what I can remember In cross-examination, Mr Patrick Milmo, for Mr Bremner, said Allan Clarke, Johnny Giles and Jack Charlton would all have been present at the Leeds team talk, yet they said they heard no talk of match-fixing on

Mr Sprake denied that he bore a grievance against Leeds and Mr Revie because his career had declined. The case continues today.

Minister foresees expanding nuclear power programme Provided the industry was able to build safe nuclear power stations to cost and to time he expected nuclear power to make an increasing contribution to electricity supplies. Preliminary work suggested that even in the most pessionistic of the alternative projections the Government was a substantial, growing need to new gernerating capacity.

The Department of Energy is preparing new energy projec-tions which would be available in time for the Sizewell inquiry, Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary of State for Energy, said when he opened

the new nuclear programme.

He said nuclear power was an essential component or a prosumy-based energy strategy, the major objective of which was the availability of adequate and secure supplies of energy at

secure supplies of energy at lowest practicable cost.

The Government believed there was a need for a strong nuclear industry able to meet the increasing demands which would be placed on it, and which was building safe and reliable plant to cost and time. Twelve per cent of the nation's electricity was now generated by nuclear power. The generated by nuclear power. The safety record was second to none in any industry throughout the world.
This year would see a further

three nuclear power stations come on stream for the first time ational each was expected to save about £100m a year compared with the cost of coal-fired power

The Government fully endorsed the select committee's view that continuing public acceptability of nuclear power would be very largely based on confidence in the organization of safety in the industry, particu-larly in the role of the Nuclear installation inspectorate. The independence and effectiveness of a strong inspectorate must be

The Government did not agree The Government did not agree with the select committee that there should be a time limit on the Sizewell inquiry. But he saw no prima facie reason to suppose that, if the inquiry had a favourable outcome, the Government would not be in a position to take a final decision during the lifetime of this Parliament.

He had yet to be convinced that the Government should provide the Government should provide financial aid to the Sizewell

Government was considering, there was a substantial, growing need to new gernerating capacity through the 1990s and into the a debate on nuclear power.

Mr Lawson also told MPs that the rate of nuclear build through the 1990s was likely to be much faster than it was in either the 1960s or the 1970s and that the Government proposed to adopt a flexible approach on strategy for the future.

The House was discussing the first report of the Energy Committee session 1980-81, on the new nuclear programme.

the Government wants to the common the common they became economic. The NNC and AEA were working on a and AEA were working on a design for a commercial scale demonstration reactor and a very satisfactory design was emerging. But the timescale for fast reactor introduction as a competitive source of power now looked much longer than it did a few years ago, largely due to increased confidence about the long-term availability of uranium

supplies.

Before taking major policy deisions the Government was exploring policy options, including the possibility and potential benefits of some form of ing the possibility and potential benefits of some form of international collaboration.

Government steps on the thermal reactor programme would help to safeguard the further security of energy supplies on which the couratry's well being so heavily depended.

I forsee (he said) that, by the turn of the century, alongside our coal-fired generating stations, we shall have a large and well established nuclear power

well established nuclear power programme; that our industry will be well organised to cater for win to well organized to call for this programme; and that we shall be able to supply nuclear goods and services to other countries which, like ourselves, have a growing need for nuclear

On top of this we shall be well placed to move into whatever forms of nulear energy may follow the thermal reactor. Mr Merlyn Rees, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on energy (Leeds, South, Lab), said he did not intend to lay down details of

not intend to lay down usuals to policy to be carried out by a future Labour government. Nobody knew what the circumstances would be in two years.

He took issue with Mr

Lawson's observation that he saw no reason why the Government

steady programme, not just to provide jobs but for necessary research and development to take place.

One could not assume the One could not assume the inquiry would say yes to the PWR. In the meantime the options should be kept open and at least one other AGR ordered. More money was needed for research into the storage of waste. Not enough thought was given to the demand side of the issue. Future demand was difficult to calculate and could only be speculative. only be speculative.

The situation could be dramatically changed if more attention was given to energy conservation. The Government had virtually dismantled the major

The Government had not moved quickly on the industry. It had moved slowly and it as right to do so. The nature of events had led to that. Nuclear power had had a low priority. There was had had a low priority. There was still the major problem of disposing of waste. It was certain that there was a role for nuclear power. The report was a beginning of a process of

consideration, and not an end. Mr Ian Lloyd (Havant and Waterloo, C) chairman of the select committee, said one of the reasons energy costs were so high was because the industry had been insulated from the need to respond more effectively to what was havening the control of th what was happening elsewhere.
Nuclear power was the safest,
most efficient, reliable and
productive form of energy the
human race had devised provided

they did not allow the economic of construction and operation to be destroyed by technical pride. They must build and operate nuclear power stations efficiently, ensure they met objec-tive safety criteria, and ensure there was public participation in this achievement. there was public participation in this achievement.

There was a danger of killing the industry stone dead. This was the stated objective of some groups who were much nearer their target than they thought. No industry in the public or private sector could endure when investment worth of billions of

Mr Touy Benn (Bristol South-East, Lab) said he was entirely opposed to the PWR because there was an inherent safety defect in the design. To intro-duce the system to Britain would be wrong.
It was wise from time to time

to ask whether the claims made for nuclear power in earlier debates merited reconsideration in the light of experience and whether the time had come to consider at any rate the scaling down of the role of nuclear power in long-term energy planning.

The nuclear lobby was without question the most powerful lobby he had ever come-across in his life: notably the PWR lobby. The

Underneath, the greatest pressure for nuclear power came form the military, who derived the plutonium required for their weapon programme from the nuclear power programme.

Most countries that wanted civil nuclear power wanted it for weapons purposes. There were no enforceable safeguards for the control of fissionable material. There was a rough and ready international monitoring system, but it could only be stopped by major international pressure. This was applied temporarily in the case of Pakistan and then withdrawn because of the Afghanistan situation. Underneath, the greatest press-

situation, Atomic power was a vulnerable system because it was centalized and therefore subject to attack either in war or by terrorists. Where there was a vulnerable system there were bound to be

For all these reasons a thick curtain of secrecy surrounded all matters concerning nuclear power. It was hard to get the truth. Ministers were misled, as he had been when Secretary of He asked the Secretary of State. He asked the Secretary of State whether he would publish all the papers realting to the PWR in his department for the inquiry. There had not been a wholly satisfactory answer, but if there was to be confidence in nuclear power the public must be told the facts and not fed with

such safeguards as to threaten

civil liberties.

stations. There was a duty to preserve the gas-cooled option, lest, as he feared, the PWR turned out to be an unacceptable

Whatever happened, this was too big an issue to be determined by the experts, scientists or ministers. It musy come back to the House for decision. He hoped that the inquiry under Sir Frank Layfield would open up all these matters so that the public would have a chance to assess whether this expanded and advanced programme on a new system had programme on a new system had any merit in this country.

Mr Robert Hicks (Bodmin, C) said the House must not allow the views of the experts to dominate. As a non-expert on this subject he was most apprehensive about many facets of the nuclear nover programme. of the nuclear power programme.

The select committee report substantiated the view he had increasingly formed over the years that either something had

Insufficient attention had been paid to alternative sources of energy such as water, wind, tidal and solar. There were already numerous small examples in existence of successful alternative energy cources. There was tive energy sources. There was some evidence that they could be developed on a more extensive scale. There should be a degree of commitment from the Government which was far greater than that shown so far. Mr Lawson still had much to do to persuade those who were apprehensive about the future development of nuclear power

Status of social workers

House of Lords

It should be unthinkable that the functions of a social worker should be carried out by untrained staff, Lord Wallace of Coslany, for the Opposition, said, moving a series of amendments to the Mental Health (Amend-ment) Bill on the third day of its committee stage. The amendments, to a clause

on the replacement of mental welfare officers by approved social workers, called for the word "approved" to be replaced by the word "qualified". He said that it was inconceiv-He said that it was inconceivable that doctors or nurses without proper professional qualifications would be engaged in the treatment of mentally ill people. If the social worker's function was to assume that of professional equality, it should be unthinkable that functious under the amended Act should be under the amended Act should discharged by untrained staff.

be brought to bear to make sure that people were completely qualified to do the job. Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab) said

undertake responsibilities in dealing with mental health must

be competent and qualified. The word "approved" meant little or nothing. There should be a training course for social workers and that training course should be binding on the local authority.

Lady Macieod of Borve (C) said Lady Macleod of Borve (C) said since this Bill put far more on to the social services, it was important that the people who had responsibility should be trained and qualified.

Lord Elton, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said the functions of occurry, said me runctions of social workers were of great importance to the community, especially to those people who might be detained as a result of their work. Social workers should be held in the highest esteem.

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Davis: Warning about larger aircraft, cast considerable doubt on the proposition that there will be a shortfall in capacity at these airports by 1987? Mr Sproat: No. In six of the 12 months, traffic in 1981 was higher than in the corresponding month of 1980, indicating a

month of 1980, indicating a return to growth. Comparisons of the total figures for the future need to look at the effect on traffic of the air traffic control strike in May and June and the bad weather in December. It would be a poor idea to base long-term forecasts on merely one year's figures. Mr Clinton Davis (Hackney, Central, Lab): For Britain to restrict airport development at this stage would be to allow Amsterdam to become London's

Lords (2-30): Currency Bill, remaining stages. Social Security remaining stages. Social Security (Contributions) Bill, remaining stages. Civic Government (Scot-land) Bill, committee, fourth day.

third airport, which is something this country ought not to

the economic potential of nuclear energy had been over-estimated. It was clear that the development of nuclear power had been a sorry sequence of events involving a number of wrong decisions, certainly missed opportunities, and inevitably wasted

depressant drugs. Mrs Eleanor Macintosh, a about its desirability as a source of power. Apart from the economic considerations there were the security factor, the disposal of waste and the decommissioning process of reactors when that became

The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide.

Mr Conquest, aged 64, was educated at Oxford and was literary editor of The Special Suicides.

William to divert suspectable from themselves.

The Cooper brothers, now of All Saints Street, Notings and aggravated burglary. The case continues

Gary Sprake, the former Leeds goalkeeper, alleged in

Leeds needed a good win to snatch the League champion-

front page article in the Sunday People in September, 1977, naming Mr Bremner as a central figure in an alleged football bribes scandal.

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Policeman paid informer with drugs, QC says

Five drug squad detectives declared war on addicts in Hull by paying an underworld informer with drugs. Mr Brian Walsh, QC, told York Crown Court yesterday.

The officers recruited a small-time pusher to supply illegal drugs to suspects before they arrested them, it

Yesterday the jury was told how the informer, Thomas Hamilton Dunsmore, aged 30,

was paid with herion, LSD, cocain, and cannabis from the drug squad's safe.

The officers, a detective inspector, and four detective constables based at Hull, desired 10 effective the denied 10 offences under the

misuse of Drugs Act.
Mr Walsh, for the prosecution, told the jury that the officers allowed Mr Dunsmore freely to peddle hard core drugs for almost three years

He said the offences resulted in two of the officers, Det Constable Ian Davidson and Det Constable Philip Riby, receiving substantial sums of money. Mr Walsh said the offences

began in 1977, when two of the officers recruited Mr Dunsmore as an informer after arresting him in pos-session of cannabis in a

public house in Hull.

No charges were preferred,
but, Mr Walsh said, "in a
nutshell, between 1977 and
1979 the officers quite unlawfully supplied drugs for
himself and for sale as a reward or inducement to give

users, who were then arrested in possession, to order supplies of cannabis from local pushers, so that the detectives could arrest them when they attempted to

sell them, he said.
"Whether this was done by
the officers out of zeal to to
gain convictions to boost the
records of individual officers so that in the end they could get promotion, it was wrong, illegal, and wholly improper conduct," he said.

He added that each time there was a conviction drugs who denies

were given to Mr Dunsmore as a reward or inducement to

However, Mr Waish said that on one occasion two detectives arrested an inno-cent man "set up" under their noses by Mr Dunsmore.

He said the man, a young bus driver from Saltburn, would give evidence to describe how he was convicted after a pop festival in Bridlington for possessing cannabis which he "didn't know he had on him".

Mr Dunsmore, he said, was a crucial witness, but also a criminal with a long record.

He was not "a shy or blushing violet", and when the police finally interviewed him he was promised by detectives that they would stop him if he said anything to incriminate himself. Mr Dunsmore's career as

an informer was interrupted in July, 1977, when he was jalied for six months for driving while disqualified, but Mr Walsh said that even in Manchester prison the detectives kept in touch.

On one occasion, Mr Walsh said, Det Constable Mike Atkins passed him a quantity of cannabis in a prison interview room which Mr Dunmore later sold. On another, money was passed to him by detectives.

The accused men, all from Hull, are: Det Insp Mike Lord, aged 44, of St Margaret's Avenue, who denies possessing cannabis. Constable Davidson, aged 31, of Willerby Road, who denies inciting another to supply them information about cannabis, two counts of drugs and drug users unlawfully supplying LSD Mr Dunsmore's job was to supply the drugs to other concerned in supplying can-

Constable Atkins, aged 26, of Norland Avenue, who denied unlawful possession and supply of cannabis, unlawfully suppling LSD, and inciting another to supply cannabis.

Constable Riby, aged 31, of Newton Dale, Sutton Park, who denies being concerned in the supplying of cannabis and unlawfully supplying

Constable Andrew Ablett aged 33, of Riversdale Road unlawfully possessing and supplying

The trial continues today.

Schoolboy rapists to be detained 18 months

Two schoolboys who raped a girl aged 13 were each ordered to be detained for 18 months yesterday when Mr Justice Taylor, told Leeds crown Court that neither a detention centre nor Borstal

was adequate.

The boys, both aged 15, had pleaded guilty to raping the girl and aiding and abetting each other to commit rape. A third boy, also aged 15, who admitted indecently accounting the girl and cently assaulting the girl and aiding and abetting one of the other boys in an offence of attempted rape, was sentenced to six months in a detention centre.

detention centre.

The judge, who directed that the three boys and the girl should not be identified, told the two rapists: "It is necessary you should be sent for a period of custody so that not only you realize, because I believe you do, but that others realize that to attack a girl this way is quite unacceptable in society". unacceptable in society". Mr Norman Jones, for the

prosecution, said the three boys and the girl attended the same school.

In Camberwell, south London, a boy aged 15 was remanded in custody by magistrates yesterday, accused of raping two women in one week. He will appear the wisham North invention at Lewisham North juvenile court, south London, next Tuesday.

The boy is also accused of

causing grievous bodily harm to one of the victims and of robbing the other of cash and



Mr Reg J. Gadsden, who will judge the six group winners for the Supreme Champion award at Cruft's dog show at Earls Court, London, on Sunday week,

Better TV favoured, not more

By Kenneth Gosling

The prospect of moltichan-cheap nel television on American corder lines is greeted with little enthusiasm by London viewers, according to a survey carried out for the Indepen-dent Broadcasting Authority. A thousand people were invited to complete a questionnaire in which they were asked what they felt about five more television channels assigned to give national providing programmes by satellite, and for their reac-tions to pay-television and

video-cassette re-Most people who took part in the survey said they would prefer to see the present channels improved than to have more channels

coverage for each European

will take place in about three years.

A report by Dr Mallory Wober, the IBA's deputy head of research, indicates that people are not simply against change; they were for instance, generally in favour of video-cassette re-

One viewer said: "Five more channels on television would give programme plancountry.

ners more chance to use poor of Stansted. In the light of in our view, a wasteful and The first such broadcasts quality and cheap rubbish evidence given so far, it is inappropriate proceeding".

Planners say airport inquiry is bungled

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Planning Association anounced yesterday that it had withdrawn its formal appli-cation to build London's third airport at Maplin Sands in Essex. Its action will reduce further Maplin's slim chances of being chosen as the airport site.

However, the association, which is backed by a consortium of companies and local authorities, insisted yester-day that Maplin was a better choice than the inland site at Stansted. It will present the Maplin case as an objector to Stansted at the public airport inquiry, which is now in its seventeenth week.

Maplin's hopes were damaged last year when the Greater London Council switched allegiance from it to Stansted. Last month the Ministry of Defence said that an airport at Maplin would damage the nation's defence capabilities by forcing the closure of unique experimen-tal ranges near by.

The aim of the associ-ation's withdrawal is to save time. If its application had gone ahead the public inquiry now examining Stansted would have had to devote as much detailed attention to Maplin, even though the Government does not support

By putting the Maplin case in objections to Stansted the association will give Mr Graham Eyre, the inquiry inspector, an opportunity to recommend that Maplin recommend that Maplin should be considered instead

The Town and Country highly unlikely that he will do so. Nevertheless, the association has succeeded in steering the inquiry outside the narrow orbit of Stansted. The move by the association is one of a series of

policy changes that have heaped complications on the inquiry since it opened last year. Mr David Hall, director of the association, said vesterday that a local inquiry into merits of enlarging the airport at Stanstead was far too narrow a format for such broad issue as London's

third airport. He considered the present finquiry, which will hear detailed evidence about Stansted and a possible fifth terminal at Heathrow, far less suitable than a planning inquiry commission which could initiate its own research and consider a range of outside states. of suitable sites.

"The Government has bungled the whole process", Mr Hall said. "It seems to have learnt nothing from the experience of other big inquiries like Windscale and the Vale of Belvoir". The Stansted inquiry has been punctuated by reproofs from Mr Eyre to government departments for failing to produce adequate evidence about the local impact of an enlarged Stansted.

Mr Hall released the text of a letter he sent last week to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment. It included formal withdrawal of the Maplin application "on the ground of what has become,

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Courts urged to shun inflated traffic fines

Road traffic fines should of disqualification for failing than doubled since they were failing to report an accident. reviewed, Association Magistrates'

recommended yesterday.
In its latest guidelines on road traffic offence penalties, the first since August, 1978, the association says that after consulting its branches, the overwhelming response was "that people's financial circumstances had not necessarily gone up in accordance with inflation".

Magistrates should there-fore bear that in mind when fixing the amount of fines, it says. "A court should use its discretion in all the circumstances of the case in deciding whether a fine should be adjusted accord-

ingly."

But the recommended freeze on fine levels might only be a short-lived respite, the association says. The Criminal Justice Bill, now before the Commons, proposes penalty increases for all road traffic offences. Further guidelines might therefore be issued later this

however. include increased penalties for failing to stop and failing to report an accident, in line with the increase in the with the increase in the "The Court of Appeal has maximum penalty for those consistently upheld higher offences in the Transport penalties for offenders with

The recommended penalties are: £100 and endorsement and consideration

remain at present levels to stop after an accident, and although inflation has more £50 and an endorsement for the Maximum penalties in each ation case are now £1,000 and

It is emphasized that the guidelines are only suggested penalties, representing broad appropriate penalties average offences committed by first offenders of average For the first time, they

include seat belt offences, pending provisions in the Transport Act, 1981, not yet in force. A fine of £10 is suggested for those not wearing a belt or for driving with a child not wearing one.

Stopping on a clearway is also included for the first Other suggested penalties

include: stopping on the motorway hardshoulder, £25; walking on motorway or slip road, £25, and on hard shoulder £15; stopping on zig-zags by pedestrian cross-ing, £20 and endorsement; and driving with faulty tyres, £25 and endorsement. On drinking and driving offences, the association says

they account for many acci-dents, injuries and deaths: higher blood alcohol, and it is suggested that fines and especially periods of disquali-fication should reflect this."

SIKH KIDNAP **FATHER** CONVICTED

A Sikh who kidnapped his daughter when she defied him over an arranged marriage and ran away to live with her boyfriend was given a prison sentence of two

years suspended for two
years at the Central Criminal
Court yesterday.
Ranjit Rai, aged 43, of
Orchard Road, Darlington,
Co Durham, was convicted of
assault causing actual bodily
harm on his daughter, Jashir,
aged 21 and cousing grievous aged 21, and causing grievous bodily harm to her boyfriend, Mr Muhammad Hanif, a Muslim. He had denied the

charges.

His son, Lakhbir Rai, aged
19, unemployed, of the same
address, pleaded guilty to
assaulting Mr Hanif and was
assaulting He was jailed for six months. He was allowed to leave the court because both he and his father had been in custody

The girl's fiance in the arranged marriage, Barvider Bains, aged 23, a machine operator, of Speckmans Way, Slough, Berkshire, was given a prison sentence of six months, suspended for two of a nuclear war, but they years. He admitted impeding the arrest of the two other

PROTEST MARS CD **OPENING**

Anti-nuclear disrupted yesterday's open-ing of the headquarters of the United Kingdom's earlywarning and monitoring organization which exists to give public warnings of air attacks and radio active

About fifty members of the Oxford-based Campaign Atom picketed the Civil Defence building at Cowley
Barracks, Oxford. Many
wore white boilersuits and
gas masks.

They festooned the walls and gates with balloons and banners in protest. They want Oxford to be declared a nuclear-free zone.

Mr Mark Levene and Mr Glyn Robinson, two members of Campaign Atom were allowed in to put their objections to Mr Roy Cooke, the director.

Mr Levene said: "They claim their sole function is to advise the public in the event

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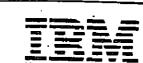
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NEWS IN SUMMARY

More Red Brigades flats raided

have smashed three more hideouts of the Red Brigades amid reports that arrested illeged terrorists are provid- shot anyway. ing important information to

Arrests in the latest sweeps, in Rome flats, bring to 29 the number held since police stormed a flat in Padua nd freed Brigadier General James Dozier, the American Nato officer, Thursday. An | dor. arms cache was found in one of the Rome Hideouts.

Emilia Libera and Giovanni Ciucci, two of General Dozi-er's alleged kidnappers ar-rested on Thursday, were giving police information about their ealier activities in the Red Brigades, Italian newspapers said.

☐ The Pope told the Nato Defence College that the release of General Dozier had brought a moment of great joy for so many people who hoped and prayed for it. (Peter Nichols writes). It reinforced the conviction that only non-victon methods could bring about lasting political and social reforms, he said.

Briton denies terrorist links

New York. - John Paul Arthur, of Surrey, who had a sub-machine gun and armour piercing bullets, when he was detained in Brooklyn last week, has denied any connexion with terrorist groups. A statement released through his lawyers before his court appearance rejected rumours that have linked him with the IRA, Libya and other groups.
Mr Arthur, who entered the United States through Florida, was arrested in a predominantly Italian neigh-bourhood after a resident reported a suspicious car in the area. He is being held on bail of \$1m (£535,000). He

was due to appear in court later and was expected to be remanded for trial. Mugabe seeks Namibia action

Salisbury - It was time for the Western contact group to take a much firmer line in getting South Africa to comply with an undiluted Resolutiom 435 on Namibia Mr Robett Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe said

Pretoria was receiving solace through the prevarication, if not encouragement, of some Western countries, he told 61 representatives of the Lome Convention coun-

Navy test-fires missile in US

Cape Canaveral. — A British submarine has suc-cessfully test-fired what is believed to be an improved version of the Polaris missile, 30 miles off the Florida

Officials refused to confirm that Saturday's launch from the Renown while submerged at the eastern test range of the United States Air Force involved a new Polaris missile, but officials have acknowledged that Britain has been conducting land-based launches of an improved Polaris in the area for several years.

First day of Senegambia

Abidjan.—The long-planned Senegambia Confed-eration, uniting Senegal with The Gambia, was born at midnight. It grew out of a coup attempt last year in The Gambian capital, Banjul, which was defeated with the help of Senegalese troops. Both countries retain their Both countries retain their sovereignty but will develop

joint policies for defence, foreign affairs, finance and

40 accused of Bihar blindings

Delhi.—Forty police offic-ers, doctors and others are expected to be prosecuted for their part in the blinding of prisoners in the north Indian state of Bihar.

The decision to suspend

the men and to clear the way for court action comes 15 months after newspapers disclosed that 32 prisoners at Bhagalpur had been blinded with needles, bicycle spokes and acid.

Peking's offer seen as ploy

Peking. — China's offer to negotiate a time limit on American arms sales to Taiwan was seen by Western diplomats here as an attempt to appear flexible rather than an indication of a wish to compromise.

also claimed that the Spanish and Belgian intelligence agencies were involved in the kidnapping.

After the Congo civil war in the early 1960s, Tshombe was sentenced to death in his The statement was aimed at making Peking appear as reasonable as possible, they said, so that if Sino-American relations deteriorate, China can deny responsibility and absence and spent several years of exile in Madrid. blame Washington's intransi-

Dynamite deaths

Altdorf, Switzerland.—Two workers were killed and seven others injured when dynamite exploded and set off a fire at an explosives detained by Algerian security

El Salvador slaughter begins after midnight

From Paul Ellman, San Salvador, Feb 1

The name of Jorge Aurelio house and to question Señor recently received a new Hurrutia did not figure on Hurrutia's eldest son, Sergio.

Vicenza — Police claim to the list carried by the masked men dressed in Salvadorean Other inhabitants of San The presence a number of the presence of of the p army uniforms who came to Antonio Abad told stories of his house in the early hours windows being shot out when

> His body, with two bullet holes in the heart, and the back of the head blown away, was one of 19 discovered yesterday morning in San Antonio Abad, a poverty-stricken slum on the northwestern edge of San Salva-

According to their fami-lies, all 19 died in similar circumstances — shot after their homes were raided by men dressed in army uniforms. All were inhabitants of the neighbourhood and ranged in age from a woman of 57 to two brothers, aged 16

According to the Salvadorean military command, "some 20 terrorists" were "some 20 terrorists" were killed during an operation mounted by the first infantry brigade after complaints from local inhabitants about

'subversive'' activity. Injecting an element of confusion, a communique from the command further claimed that "as usual, the subversives took their dead and wounded with them", thereby denying any link between the military opera-tion and the 19 bodies found in the streets of San Antonio

Obfuscation of this sort is not unusual in El Salvador where the conduct of the military has again come under the scrutiny of the United States Congress after allegations that troops slaughtered almost 1,000 staughtered annost 1,000 civilians during an operation in December in northern Morazan province near the border with Honduras.

The way in which Senor Hurrutia died offers a grisly insight into the often random way in which death finds its victims in the Salvadorean war, which last year accounted for nearly 17,000 civilian fatalities.

According to his daughter, Sandra Dalila, aged 19, the family was awakened by banging on the front door at 1 am. She said her father, dressed only in trousers, answered the door and was immediately seized by men in black berets and olive green uniforms, the lower halves of their faces being hidden by masks.

They brought her father back later to collect a shirt and a pair of shoes. "They and a pair of shoes. "They asked me what he did for a living and when I told them he was a driver for the Ministry of Agriculture, they said. It was the last time she saw her father alive. But the uniformed men came back a third time to search the

The alleged kidnapper of Moise Tshombe has claimed

the former Prime Minister of the Congo and Katangan leader was responsible for the death in 1961 of Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United

Francis Bodenan, who is accused of hijacking to Algeria, in 1967, an aircraft

carrying Mr Tshombe, has

A charter flight on which he was travelling between Ibiza and Palma Majorca, was

diverted to a military airport near Algiers. When the aircraft touched down, all the

occupants were immediately

Nations.

Other inhabitants of San windows being shot out when of the morning. But he was people took too long to shot anyway. finding bodies with their hands tied behind their backs.

> The people of San Antonio Abad alleged that the killings had been carried out by troops from the San Carlos garrison, which is reponsible for security in this sector of the capital. The garrison is the headquarters of the First Infantry Brigade.

The area, which lies on the lower slopes of the San Salvador volcano, is descibed by military sources as an infiltration route into the capital by guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti national liberation movement which is fighting to overthrow the military and civilian junta led by President José Napoleon Duarte.

The apparent link between Salvadoran troops and yet more slaughtering of civ-ilians adds to the embarrassment of the Reagan Admin-istration which has informed congressional leaders that it intends to provide a further \$55m (about £29.4m) in military aid to the Salvadorean junta on an emergency

American officials in San Salvador concede that efforts to impress upon the Salvado-rean command the damage done to its image by the continuing excesses against civilians have largely proved fruitless. "I guess you cannot change the habits of a hundred years overnight", one official said.

Americans step up military aid

replace aircraft which were was announced today (Nicholas Ashford writes). The announcement was

made by Mr Thomas Enders, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, in testimony to the Senate foreign relations committee during which he asked for additional American military and economic aid for the three members of the newly and economic aid for the However this assumption is three members of the newly formed Central American Democratic Community — El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica

near Hayana of a number of crates believed to contain the aircraft was reported last month, but until now the Administration has refused to comment on these reports. Mr Enders said the aircraft formed the second squadron of MiG 23s received by Cuba

from the Soviet Union.
He also said that Cuba received some 63,000 tons of military supplies last year, more than in any other year since the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

The need for additional assistance to pro-Western states in Central America, Mr Enders gave a warning that "unless we act now, the future could well bring more Cubas: totalitarian regimes so linked to the Soviet Union that they become factors in the military balance, and so incompetent economically that their citizens' only hope becomes that of one day migrating to the United

He said that Nicaragua was already in the process of "being exploited as a base for the export of subversion and armed intervention" in neighbouring El Salvador Yesterday, Mr Ruben

Zamora, a spokesman for the Salvadorean guerrillas, said that additional military aid to El Salvador would only prolong the killing in the Central American state. He said that nothting short of sending American combat troops to El Salvador could prevent the eventual defeat of the Duarte regime.
"The Government forces

are not going to be able to win the war with just more equipment," Mr Zamora said. "To win the war the Reagan Administration would need to do so much more that the American people would not

accept it" Administration The Washington: The United expected to ask Congress to States is to ship \$55m in increase military and econemergency military equipment to El Salvador to \$100m to \$235m this fiscal rear. A further increase to destroyed during a guerrilla \$300m is expected for next attack on an air base near year, The request will be contained in the President's next budget presentation next

> Last Reagan said that the Salvadorean regime of President Duarte was making sufficient progress on political and human rights for it to qualify for additional military and economic aid.

Costa Rica.

During his testimony, Mr 733 and 926 peeole are said to Enders also confirmed for have been killed by governthe first time that Cuba had

20-year mystery deepens

Death scene: Wreckage of the aircraft in which Dag Hammarskjold and 12 others kied lying in a Northern Rhodesian forest in 1961. Right, from top, three men in the jigsaw: Tshombe, Bodenan and Hammarskjöld.

Tshombe linked with Hammarskjöld death

From Harry Debelius, Madrid, Feb 1

prison in Palma where he is awaitng trrial by a Spanish

It was apparently his third

contact with journaists in a few days and came just after the military judicial auth-orities had postponed his

M Bodenan was arrested in

Belgium and extradited to Spain to stand trial for the hijacking, which is assumed

to have taken place in

Spanish air space. His law-yers are questioning this

At the time of the hijack-

ing M Bodenan had appar-

ently convinced Tshombe that he was a trusted member

of his entourage. But, he told

a reporter, he had turned against the Katangan leader after learning of his alleged

trial sine die.

assumption.

M Bodenan a 48-year-old role in the death of dent Belgian Congo, in 1960, Frenchman, has made the Hammarskjöld. brought the United Nations latest round of allegations in Hammerskjöld was killed into the conflict in his an interview with the Madrid in an aircrash at night near publication Diario 16 at the Northern Bhodesia in Sen.

Ndola in what was then Northern Rhodesia in Sep-

tember, 1961. He was to have

met Tshombe at Ndola for talks aimed at restoring

peace to the Congolese prov-ince of Katanga where fight-ing had broken out between Katangan forces and United Nations troops fighting in the

The cause of the disaster has always been something of a mystery and there was

much obscurity surrounding

the circumstances of the

flight itself.

M Bodenan also told his interviewer that he had turned against Tshombe after

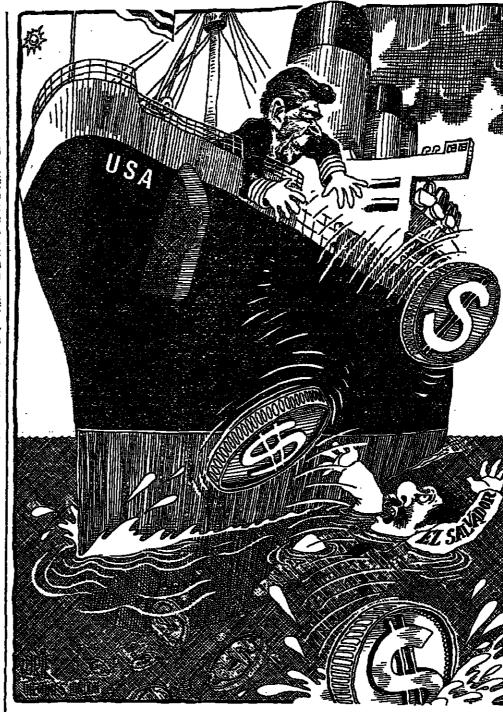
the latter had described how

he had tortured and killed his

arch-political enemy in the Congo, Patrice Lumumba,

with a pair of scissors.

Lumumba, who was the leader of the newly independent offence in Spain.



US puts off declaring Polish debt in default

From Bailey Morris, Washington, Feb 1

Reagan Administration said today it will not declare in default Poland's American banks failure of the debt to despite failure of the Jaruzelski Government to meet scheduled payments of \$71.3m about £37.5m in January.

Instead, the Administration has decided to reimburse nine United States banks for the past due payments of principal and interest owed in said Mr Beryl January, said Mr Beryl Sprinkel, United States Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary

The Administration's newly articulated policy on Polish debt. opposed by Polish debt, opposed by hardliners in the Defence and Departments, would permit the Government to repay American national monetary system.

country to put down a secessionist revolt led by Tshombe's Katangan troops.

M Bodenan said the kidnap

ping of Tshombe had been

organized to prevent him returning to lead a new

necessary documentation to circulate freely at the air-ports in Palma and Ibiza.

are trying me for kidnapping Tshombe." He is to be

judged by a military court

because at the time the accusation was drawn up

hijacking, even by a civilian, was considered a military

Now, he contends in the latest interview, "my Spanish accomplices are the ones who

He claimed that Mr Mobu-

banks a total of \$397m owed by Poland this year.

The money is part of \$1,600m in loans made or guaranteed by the United States Agriculture Department to finance grain sales to Poland under community corporation

Some hardliners in the Administration had urged President Reagn to economic pressure on the Soviet Union and the Eastern countries by decli Poland's debt in default. declaring

Mr Sprinkel said today, owever, that "at the however, that "at the moment we are taking the position that we are not going to declare a default" in order to avoid putting additional strain on the inter-

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From Jonathan Fenby

Paris, Feb 1

"Graham

political dispute in France

hetorical punches over the

British writer's allegations of police-protected crime and

were romanticized con-

"Once again, I note that a

fouls the nest in order to gain a bit of publicity and promote a novel through scandal," he added.

This was too much for M

Max Gallo, Socialist Deputy for Nice, a long-time political opponent of the right-wing mayor and author himself of

and corruption in the area. Mr Greene's allegations,

French press and broadcast-

Graham Greene".

ex-husband.

spectacular

By Our Foreign Staff

Denunciation of the programme by Moscow and Warsaw yesterday as subversive and hypocritical was predictable. But commentators in the West, taking a

than 50 countries.

agency, was quick to react to the programme. "It is al-ready obvious that this subnews agency attacked the

Most viewers in Western Europe saw only shortened versions of the programme, or reports of it on news bulletins. BBC television said

writer who likes the Cote d'Azur to the point of settling down to live here much credit. In Holland, debate on the broadcast overshadowed the issues it sought to address. Critics said that the President was using the show for his own political goals, while ignoring human rights violations in El Salvador, Turkey and other countries with Governments to which it was sympathetic.

In Spain, the whole documentary was shown in prime time, watched by an esti-mated nine million. Two West German stations beamed shortened versions, drawing which he is putting forward in detail in a book to be entitled J'accuse, attracted widespread attention in the some complaints from viewers about cold war-style propaganda. Others said the whole programme should ing media today. By tonight, the French news agency was heading its stories: "Affaire have been shown.

for TV

President Reagan's television spectacular, Let Poland Be Poland, has had a bad press.

The documentary, protest-ing against martial law in Poland, was broadcast in the United States on Sunday night and beamed to mort

television countered the American broadcast with special transmissions of their own. Soviet viewers were shown clips of alleged United

against the East which was characteristic of the classical cold war period".

yesterday it had not yet decided whether to screen the allegations, first made in a letter to *The Times* a week ago and enlarged upon in an interview with *The Sunday Times* published yesterday, the whole programme. "We're still looking at it, judging whether or not to do anything further", it was clusions drawn from the unhappy experiences of one of Mr Greene's friends threatened by her criminal stated.

The British press led by The Times report from Washington, was critical, dismissing the show as dull. In France, only Le Figaro among leading dailies gave it

Bad press

less obviously committed view, were also lukewarm.

versive television show was a complete failure", it de-clared. In Warsaw the official show as hypocritical and "unprecedented propa-

Both Soviet and Polish

States intelligence agents at work in Warsaw.

The Warsaw daily Zycie Warzawy, said the American effort marked a return to "the psychological struggle developed into a today as opposing figures from the Riviera enchanged

corruption in Nice.

M Jacques Medecin the Mayor of Nice, was first into the fray with an interview accusing Mr Greene of fouling the Riviera nest. He said

vision of the administration of justice, control of all branches of agriculture and fisheries, as well as finance including the budget of the administrative council, taration, and the allocation of funds for various administrative departments. trative departments. The council, according to the Israeli proposals, will nurnalist would antien and l also control appointments to the civil service, and working conditions, as well as edu-cation and health services. the same live to the spread of the same of

cation and health services, housing and public works.

Also entrusted to the Palestinians will be the maintenance and coordination of transport, local postal and communication. postal and communications services, welfare, labour and employment services and municipal affairs. "A strong local police force" will function as stated

Israelis

autonomy

From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, Feb 1 Israel last night officially

published its proposals for the establishment of a Pales-

tinian self-governing auth-ority to administer the West Bank and Gaza under the

There were no surprises in

the document which pro-

posed powers for the self-

governing authority in 13 spheres and said the number

of representatives in the

administrative council should

be commensurate with the functions listed The Egyptians in the

autonomy negotiations have favoured a council with a few

score deputies to serve as a legisature and not merely

The functions listed by the Israelis include the supervision of the administration

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in the Camp David agree-ments. Prison services will be maintained for offenders sentenced by the area courts. The remaining functions will be the maintenance of re-ligious facilities and the promotion of industry, commerce and tourism. Elections to the administra.

tive council are to be held as expecitiously as possible", after the autonomy agreement is concluded. The inauguration of the self-governing authority will governing authority will mark the start of the five years transitional period for the West Bank and Gaza. The Israeli military government and civilian administ

ration will be withdrawn and remaining Israeli forces re-deployed "in specified lo-cations" A map of the locations will be presented during the negotiations. ☐ The homes of three suspected terrorists were scaled last night by security forces

in reprisal measures, it was announced by the Israel Military command here.

They included two houses in Helbron said to have been the home of members of a Fatah terrorist squad who killed two Christian pilgrims in a grenade attack in the Old City of Jerusalem, on September 12. An official announcement said the prisoners had confessed to the attack on an Israeli car. The third house, at Kafr Katana near Ramallah, was said to have belonged to a prisoner who admitted firing on a bus on July 29 injuring four civilians including a

pregnant woman. Cairo: Further evidence of the gradually improving re-lations between the new Egyption Government of President Hosni Mubarak and the rest of the Arab world came today when the border between Egypt and Libya was opened tempor-arily for the first time in three years (Christopher Walker writes).

The move is seen as one of the most important develop ments in Egypt's foreign relations since the murder of President Sadat last October ☐ Paris: President Mitterrand will visit Egypt after his trip to Israel in March, President Mubarak said following talks with the French leader at the Elysee Palace here today (Jonathan Fenby

Mitterrand and the Egyptian President discussed the Middle East situation, including the Palestinian autonomy question, and East-West and North-South relations during their heart and statement of the palestinian during the their hour's meeting. -

☐ Canberra: Australia will join in the proposed Sinal peacekeeping force, Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, said today (Reuter reports)

reports). He said the participation of France, Britain, the Nether-lands and Italy. — approved by the Israeli Government yesterday — would give it the balance Australia required.

Czech food prices rise sharply

From David Blow, Vienna, Feb 1

Poland is not the only to be increased but it is not severe economic difficulties

Eastern block country where yet clear by how much. which have been aggravated prices of basic commodities

Announcing the increases by last year's disastrous tu's Government informed Spain of his mission, and a have risen sharply; over the Spanish agent, whom he identified only as Gimenes, furnished him with the weekend Czechoslovak authorities also introduced awide range of price increases

much smaller than those in Meat was a particular Poland they none the less problem because Czechoslovak living standards.

The standards than those in Meat was a particular problem because Czechoslovakia had a comparatively high level of the standards.

The price of meat has been raised by an average of 25 per cent, cigarettes by 30 per cent, tobacco products by 39 per cent, wine by 18 per cent, rum by 19 per cent, and domestic vodka by 25 per cent. The price of cica is also cent. The price of rice is also

gal, the Prime Minister, said the state was subsidizing food prices at a level it could

tion but a quarter of that had to be produced from im-ported livestock feed. He made it clear that by increasing meat prices the Government hoped significantly to reduce consumption. Czechosłovakia

Announcing the increases by last year's disastrous last week Mr Lubomir Strou- harvest and the Soviet harvest and the Soviet Union's recent decision to reduce its oil supplies to its Comecon partners by 10 per

The country's competitiveness in world markets has been declining steadily in that its foreign exchange earnings are now scarcely adequate to cover imports of essential raw materials.

This is putting an end to economigrowth and forcing a cut in living standards,

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tration of all journalists on a central roll, from which those found guilty of "imthose found guilty of "im-proper conduct" could be struck off and thereby prohibited from exercising their portant report on the South African mass media tabled in

Parliament here today. The Government-commissioned report, drawn up by a committee under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Marthinus Steyn, a former Administrator-General of Namibia (South-West Africa), swidely seen in journalistics. is widely seen in journalistic circles as the most serious threat to press freedom in the modern history of South

The report, which runs to three volumes and more than kaans end of the press 1,300 pages, proposes the spectrum. The main radio setting-up of a General Counant television network, the cil for Journalists, which would regulate entry to the profession and sit in jud-gment on journalists accused violating a statutory code of conduct.
The ultimate sanction avail-

able to the council would be to strike a journalist off the roll. Anyone who employed, or published or broadcast the work of an unenrolled journalist would be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of up to 5,000 rand (£2,780).

The report presents its recommendations as being intended to "professionalize" the same footing as the other "great historic and learned

South African journalists alarmed by registry plan

compulsory regis- professions", such as medi- exhumation of the dis-of all journalists on a cine and the law. (The credited Department of In-roll, from which General Council would, for formation (disbanded after example, set entrance exam-inations for aspiring journal-arguing that it should be empowered to conduct both

appointees, three chosen by newspaper journalists three by magazine journalists three by magazine journalists and three by broadcasting journalists. They would serve for two years. During the first year of the council's life, however, all its members would be appointed by the Government.

There seems little doubt

that the council's membership would be heavily weighted towards the generkaans end of the press spectrum. The main radio and television network, the South African Broadcasting Corporation, is largely a tool of Government propaganda while most magazines are owned by Afrikaans press groups.

Although the report finds fault with the Afrikaans press for being still too closely identified with Afrikaner nationalism its most barbed shafts are reserved for the "negativistic" reporting of the English-language press, which is the chief and certainly most vociferous vehicle for criticism of apart-

The report also criticizes secretiveness. It then goes on, however, to plead for the South Africa".

It is proposed that the "covert and overt" propa-council should have 12 ganda without having to members, of whom three account publicly for its use would be Covernment of Government funds.

The report comes close to saying that the Government was wrong in 1977 to ban outspoken black newspapers like the World and the Post, but says that the "moderate black community" should be encouraged to establish an independent black press. The report also calls for greater diversification of

newspaper ownership, Ir particular, it recommends that "cross-holdings" between the two big English-language groups, Argus and South African Associated Newspapers, should be ended,

Much of the report is devoted to a lengthy and repetitive analysis of what it calls "the South African circumstance"; chiefly the external military threat posed by the Soviet Union and the internal subversive threat posed by alleged Soviet include church, academic and press critics of apartheid as well as black movements

A large section of the press, the report complains, is dedicated to intensifying South Africa's "pariah sta-tus" and to the "substitution of a radically different politijournalism by putting it on the Government for excessive cal and socio-economic order for that now prevailing in



Frenzied killer strangled yachtsman

Mr Michael Crocker, aged 42 (right), who was strangled on board his yacht in the Caribbean, with his wife Trisha and Mr David Brownjohn, who helped to build the yacht. Trinidad police said yesterday that they believed the strangler had reacted in a frenzy of fear after boarding the boat to rob it.

He stabbed Mr David Drake, aged 40, in the neck. Mr Drake, Lloyds Bank deputy regional general man-ager in Birmingham, is recovering satisfactorily in hospital.

Mr Randolph Burroughs, the Commissioner of Police for Trinidad and Tobago, is leading the Mrs Crocker was under police guard yesterday recovering from shock in an hotel in Port of Spain. The British High Commission said she intended to fly home with her husband's body as soon as pos-

The killer surprised the sleeping couples, who had anchored the 30ft sloop Nyn about 500 yards from shore in the Gulf of Paria. The dream life built by the Crockers lasted only five months after they left Britain for a 10-year

world cruise. Both couples were asleep in their berths when they were awoken by the intruder. Mr Cocker went to investigate and was confronted by a man wielding a knife and demanding money.

Mrs Crocker gave him \$360, and both couples pleaded with him to go away. Instead, he ordered Mrs Crocker to tie up her husband and the Drakes. He became impatient at her nervous attempts to tie up her husband and he began to do it

As the man tightened the ropes Mr Crocker yelled out to the others: "Jump overboard". Before anyone could move the man lashed out. slashing Mr Drake's throat. Then in his frenzied attempt to tie Mr Crocker, he strangled him.

Defiant Ecevit freed from detention

From Our Correspon Ankara, Feb 1

Mr Bulent Ecevit, the former Turkish Prime Minister, emerged today from two months in prison, making clear that his fighting spirit was unaffected.

Mr Eccuta Array a social demo-crat, was sent to prison by a military court for allegedly violating a ban, imposed by the military rulers, on public statements by former poli-

He was said to have distributed a statement to the foreign press containing his replies to the charges presented by, General Kenan Evren the head of state, against pre-coup political leaders to justify the dissolution of the political parties last October.

Arriving at his home to a loud reception by his friends and former party followers, Mr Ecevit told the foreign press corps that though he was discharged from the prison, "so long as the limitations on my freedom continue. I feel in prison

everywhere."

Defending the freedom of thought and expression, which he said was a means of achieving humane solutions to human problems "without which a society is bound to stagnate and the majority is doomed to exploitation and

"The will for freedom and democracy shall peacefully break through all obstacles

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Two saved from ice by Britons

An RAF officer and four soldiers drove across a fro-zen Norwegian lake today to save a father and son who had been fishing through a hole in the ice when it cracked beneath them.

in the water of Lake Voss, near Bergen while other imposing a three-month ban. fisherman looked on help. The lates French action lessly, afraid to go to cross the thin ice. Flight Lieutenant John Dungate, aged 42, of Welton, Lincolnshire, jumped into his Snowcat tracked vehicle and drove nearly a quarter of a mile across the ice.

With him was his team from the Royal Signals. They pulled the men from the water, wrapped them in blankets and then drove back

E German plea to disarm

Berlin. — East Germany's Protestant Church, the only important body in the country not state-controlled, has called for moves towards unilateral disarmament, auth-Church sources

The move came in a report by Bishop Werner Krusche, approved at a national synod last weekend from which the East German Government barred Western reporters.

Kurds release **Austrians**

Vienna. — Three Austrians taken hostage by Kurdish nationalists in Iraq last November have been released, the Austrian Foreign Ministry said. Herr Stephen Schmidt, Herr Otto Stern and Herr Walter Brendinger were working for an Austrian construction firm when they were

British heart man better

Peking. — Mr Leslie Applewhite, the British en-gineer whose heart stopped beating for 55 minutes while he was being treated for a heart attack, has left Xian in north-western China where

he was in hospital.

A British Embassy spokesman said that Mr Applewhite, aged 27, was on his way to Peking and would fly home on Thursday.

Wine war **bubbles** over again

The European Commission vants France to explain why uneasy truce in the wine war between the two countries which erupted last autumn and for which France still has to face two cases before the European Court for The lates French action comes after a week during

which angry wine growers along the Mediterranean coast began smashing barrels of imported Italian wine because it was for sae at below French prices.

On the face of it, however, the Commission feels that the ban is against the basic EEC principle which allows the free circulation of goods — hence its demand for an M Claude Villain, Director

General for Agriculture, gave a warning to the French farming lobby at the week end in a television interview France should understand, he said, that 45 per cent of its agricultural produce was exported and Italy was its best customer.

"I simply say that you have to be careful if you take measures which, on the one hand are forbidden by the treaty of Rome, and on the other which run the risk, if they drag Italy into retali-ation, of serious consequences for French agriculture." The French wine growers

protests last week arose from a sudden surge in imports of stronger Italian wine used for blending in France. This was almost certainly because French table wine bottlers were seeking to avoid paying a new tax of 5 francs (50p) a hectolitre on heavier wines, which came into force today. ☐ The taste for wine continued to grow in Britain last year, with a 15 per cent growth in the sale of light wines according to latest statistics from the Wine

Development Board (the Press Association reports). But Britain still remained the lowest wine consumer in Europe, except for Ireland.

The light wine sector was the only one in the drinks market to show any growth last year, not because people were drinking more but because more people were drinking wine

About 25 million are now drinking wine in Britain, some of them only about a bottle a month. Although light wine sales are up, the amount still averages only two and a half glasses a person a week.

Pyrenees border traffic blocked for fourth day

From Our Correspondent, Madrid, Feb 1

Road traffic between Spain only about five an hour, and and France remained almost Spanish lorry drivers re-at a standstill today for the sponded by parking their fourth day in a row, as a vehicles across the road so fourth day in a row, as a result of a work-to-rule by French customs officials and roadblocks organized by

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the Fench authorities, that the passage of vehicles would be allowed to speed up, was delivered yesterday to the civil governor of the Spanish border province of Guipuzcoa. A few of the thousands of lorries waiting on both the border. sides of the frontier began moving past a customs point at Irun-Hendaye, on one of the main routes, at about one

no one could pass.

Small passenger were moving along a third lorry drivers angered at the route in the same area, at the western end of the Pyrenees A written assurance from Further inland, some border points on minor roads were

closed At La Junquera, at the Mediterranean end of the Pyrenees, no movement was reported, and thousands of vehicles were parked near

Railway freight, apparently unaffected by the customs officers' protest action, increased over the weekend a minute early today.

However, soon after middirections, according to the day the French customs officials were authorizing agency EFE.

It's the same old story, reverberating emptily about in drab, chilly stations; meaningless excuses for unpardonable inefficiencies.

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Above left: Jean Muir's jade-green, graph-checked, pure-silk dress, about £345 from Lucienne Phillips, Knightsbridge; Chic of Hampstead; Harrods; Barry Hooper, Torquay; Pollyanna, Barnsley; Olive Walton, Birmingham, Stella Nova, Edinburgh. Raspberry pink-suede, pleat-shouldered jacket by Jean Muir, about £295, from Lucienne Phillips; Simpsons; Harvey Nichols; Joan Ponting, Birmingham; Hobby, Cardiff; Brown Thomas, Dublin. Pearly hoop earnings £18:50 from Butler & Wilson, 189 Fulham Road, SW3, and Liberty, Regent Street, W1

Above right: Chloë's clotted-cream, fine-wool blouse £110; soft skirt £172, and swashbuckling cloak £182 from Chloë, 173 New Bond Street, W1. Black-suede, braided belt from Yves Saint Laurent Rive Gauche, 113 New Bond Street, W1. Black and white pearly necklet £36 and earrings £12.50 from Butler & Wilson, 189 Fulham Road, SW3, and Liberty, Regent Street, W1

Above centre: Pearly choker with bold deco clasp £68; drop pearl and marcasite earnings £14.50. All from the new collection at Butler & Wilson, 189 Fulham Road, SW3, and Liberty, Regent Street, W1. Cream cloak by Chloe

Photographs by Clive Arrowsmith

Hair cut and styled by John Frieda

Make-up by Teresa Fairminer for Estée Lauder Prescriptives Face: Moisture Protective Titian Cream, light tint loose powder. **Peach Buff Powder Cheek Colour**

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Facing the limelight

"In a way one never changes, although I'd be an idiot to feel exactly the same inside", says Claire Bloom. "Everybody still feels like a child. And that is especially true when you are an actress and your whole life is 'let's pretend'

It is exactly 30 years since Claire Bloom stepped into Limelight, the tender late-Chaplin film that pinioned her as a star.

"Sometimes it is hard to remember how one felt then", she says. "A lot of dates blur. But 1952 was special for me. In the same year Limelight came out, I played Juliet at the Old Vic and my father died. It was a demarcation line for me between child and growing up. That's why I call the book Limelight and After": her autobiography comes out next month (published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson).

Visually, Claire Bloom is extraordinarily unchanged, the pure, pained classical profile erupting suddenly into impish laughter. Though other women would judge her an absolute beauty, she claims that she "misses by a long way". She rated Vivien Leigh, her partner in Duel of Angels, as the real beauty of her generation of actresses.

'She was extraordinary. No emotion ever showed on her face. I once acted with her when she was going through a difficult, unhappy time and was often in tears. Most of us when we cry get puffy, red eyes. With Vivien Leigh, the tears just lay on her cheeks

Claire Bloom shares with all actresses thrown up by the star system the sense that she owes it to her public to look

romantic, in something wonderfully cut and French, perhaps from Chloë and in black and white". Her taste in Revisited, she hated with a clothes is basically classic passion the 1920s fashions she with a lot of black in her wore. She arrived at the studio in a as Lady Marchmain," she relief not to bother about simple black cashmere explains. "But I hated the clothes. I'm not a country



weater, plain skirt and flirty black patent shoes. But she swooped immediately on the most colourful plumage, a jade-green Jean Muir dress with a raspberry-ripple suede jacket and Caroline Charles's pillar-box red. ruffled blouse. I used to have this idea of myself as a neat old lady with a little black dress and snowwhite hair, but now it's coming nearer. I'm not so keen.'

is a landmark and I don't like it. But 30 was the worst. I came out in a rash on my neck for weeks. until I While her public admired the icy elegance of her Lady Marchmain in Brideshead

She is just 50. "Of course it

waist, and those twenties jackets with the ugly way they fall at the front is a bad look for me. I think it helped my characterization. But I found it hard to come to terms with the way I looked, except at the end when I realized that it had worked. I admit that I am very vain. I

want to look young and

pretty

Claire Bloom announces that she has never succeeded in finding a wardrobe mistress to create wonderful clothes that can then be realised that nothing had absorbed into her own ward-really changed." She doesn't robe. Her recent classical Her ideal image of herself enjoy the idea that she must parts such as Catherine of to "look chic rather than now play "old woman" parts. Aragon in television's Henry VIII hardly lend themselves to Fulham pavements or to the quiet Connecticut home where she lives with author Philip Roth for part of the

look foul." Does she dress for her man

and care what he thinks about her clothes? "I should say! But the man in my life at the moment happens to be totally uninterested in clothes and never comments on what I wear. He hates me to dress up and I've never dared to tell him how much I'spend on clothes."

Claire Bloom has plenty of passionate dislikes. One of them is the live theatre.

"I hate, hate, hate the theatre now, going out there night after night. Television suits my life, anybody's life — so much better."

is hard to define. In colour it is a Renaissance tapestry of warm reds, burgundies and amethysts ("never brown, I look like a brown blob, and not blue.") She says that her 21-year-

old daughter Anna (by her have time to get the potatoes marriage to Rod Steiger) on my way home?"

beige or black") although she travels so much that she thinks she cannot have a pantechnicon "with thousands of different bits and pieces." Anna, a music student at the Guildhall, who lives at home, clearly has a needling influence on her mother's cautious taste.

Jean Muir's shapely dress with its ruffled neck looked elegant and stylish. So did Chloë's elegant and romantic creamy wool separates topped by a dashing cape. Then the public image of Claire Bloom emerged as she swept her newly styled hair off her face, wrapped a pearly choker around her neck and let the cloak fall in a Greek column of folds from her throat.

"Very glamorous and how the public want to see an actress," said Claire Bloom firmly. "Do you think Pll

Demand for murder trial at inquest on dingo case baby

From Douglas Aiton, Melbourne, Feb 1

coroner investigating the case of the baby whose parents say she was taken from a central Australian camp site by a dingo, rec-ommended today that the mother should be sent for trial for murder.

Mr Des Sturges told the Alice Springs coroner that the evidence 'showed Mrs Lindy Chamberlain's daughter Azaria had been unlaw-fully killed. He said that Mr Michael Chamberlain, the baby's father, should be sent for trial as an accessory after the fact of a murder.

The Chamberlains visibly shaken by Sturgess's submission. Chamberlain remained ·Mr several minutes with hes head in his hands and was clearly distressed. Mr Gerry Galvin, the coroner, adjourned the court until tomorrow after hearing the

The small courtroom was packed for the resumption of his second inquest on the baby, who died in August, 1980, after disappearing from a tent at a site near Ayers acked for the resumption of

of guarded optimism.

Mr Rao said the continu- agreement".

accepted that the baby, whose body was never found, was taken by a dingo. A new inquest was called after further evidence was presented to Northern Territory police.

A forensic expert today told the inquest that foetal or baby blood was found on the clasp of a camera bag belonging to the parents. Mrs Joy Kuhi, the only witness today, said she did extensive tests on the bag lasting four days, she said baby hair was also found inside the bag.

Mr Sturgess told the cor-oner today: "Your worship does not have to determine whether or not murder was committed by Mrs Chamberlain, or that Mr Chamberlain was an accessory after the fact. All you have to do is decide if there is a prime facie case." He said there was sufficient evidence to request that the matter be brought before a judge and

The evidence shows that on August 17, shortly after nightfall, the Chamberlains returned to the camp site," Mr Sturges said. "Mr Cham-berlian went to the barbecue area, and was there for some At the first inquest in considerable time in the February this year, a coroner presence of witnesses when

Mrs Chamberlain called out 'A dingo has got my baby''. "In the time they went to the camp site and the time he (Mr Chamberlain) was at the barbeque area, the death was caused," Mr Sturgess said.

He said there was no evidence that Mr Chamberlain had any knowledge that anything was wrong until after his wife called out. He said blood had been cleaned from areas that were visible in the couple's car and in their camera bag. Blood had been found in areas that were not clearly visible and

"Mrs Kuhl found blood ... but only in the nooks, crannies and crevices of the camera bag, some of which tests showed was foetal blood," Mr Sturgess said. "It is similar to the situation in the car where blood was found on door handles, the hinge and under the dashboard", he said.

The evidence was consistent with the child having been taken from the tent and killed in the car, he said. Subsequently it had been buried at the camp site, then dug up. Its clothing had been removed and placed in a spot where it was found a week

Peace plan advanced by Seoul

South Korea has followed up the recent unification formula it proposed to North Korea with a list of 20 pilot projects that would open up direct communications direct communications between the two Koreas after more than 30 years of

separation.
In an apparent attempt to emphasize the determination and sincerity of President Chun Doo-hwan's latest peace offensive Mr Son Jaeshik, the Minister of the National Unification Board issued a statement today asking the North Koreans to open their common border.

The statement renewed a request to the North for a preliminary meeting of cabi-net-rank officials with a view to arranging talks between President Chun and his North Korean counterpart, President Kim Il-sung. It also contained 20 proposals for establishing two-way com-munications as a positive posture rather than merely paying lip service to unifi-cation".

The proposals seek the opening of a highway between Seoul and Pyongyang, and a postal service. They include the reunion of are an estimated seven million people in the South with relatives in the North — free travel through the border village of Panmunjom for all foreigners and Koreans who live abroad, the complete removal of all military facilities from the demilitarized zone and a direct telephone link between leading military

officials of each side.
The statement also suggested that the harbours of Inchon in the South and Chiznampo in the North be opened, that joint fishery and tourist zones be established and for sports, cultural, economic, ecological and trading exchanges to be arranged.

Private versus state schools

France faces risk of new war in education

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, Feb 1

It is a matter on which the feelings of thousands of French families run very high. For behind the deliberately vague terminology loom the whole question of



and religious schools and the threat of a revival of the schools war, which raged so fiercely at the beginning of

the public sector.

That is why M Alain
Savary, the Minister of
Education, himself a man of
distinctly social democratic convictions, and by temperament a conciliator, is proceeding very slowly and cautiously deliberately re-fraining from taking a public stand on the future of

He has begun dealing with

M Savary is under con

tial support in the Cabinet itself. It is determined to

hold the Government strictly

to its electoral promises, even at the risk of reviving

the schools war.
Its leaders have told the minister that the unified and secular nature of the future

education system ruled out

the "separate character" of religious and private schools.

For the first time in many

years they openly attacked the Catholic hierarchy in

and private schools systems.

On the other side, the Catholic Schools Association.

backed by the French bishops, will fight, if necess-ary, to defend the autonomy with the state system which

ent associations and unions, starting with the Catholic Schools Associtaion, and the powerful Fen, the Federation of National Education, the French teachers' union. These consulations are likely to go on until Easter at the very least, when the Minister will have to show his hand one way or the

> the civil service. The investigation has aroused controversy, particularly because it includes

women homosexuals despite the fact that lesbianism is not illegal in Hongkong. Even the names of "suspected homosexuals" have to be referred automatically to Mr Martin Rowlands, the Civil Service Secretary, "for

Mr James Lethard, criminologist and sociologist at Hongkong University, has given a warning that the directive could "lead to a witch hunt in government" and "backfire by itself provoking adverse publicity abroad and possible ques-tions at Westminster". He also said that "no such policy has ever been set down in writing hefore"

France, accusing it, along with conservative governments of the past, of responsibility for a situation of conflict between the state writing before". Mr Rodney Griffith, of the Hongkong University School of Law, described the em-ployment policy laid down in the directive as "pretty unenlightened but consistent

Prisoners of conscience



Romania:

Josif Noll

By Caroline Moorehead

In 1979 three families and single man, Josif Noll, all members of the German minority of Jimbolia in the region of Banar decided to leave Romania. They had no emigration visas. After crossing the border into Yngosiavia they were arrested by Yugoslav officials and sent back to Romania.

Josif Noll and the other members of the group were tried in public on October 17 that year, but were not defended. On November 25, the court of Timisoara found them guilty of "attempting to cross the frontier without official permission".

Sentences ranged from two to three years imprisonment, or 15 months corrective labour. Josif Noll received a Bucharest on February 19, 1980. He is believed to be in

Timisoara prison.
Since the end of the Second World War Germans in Romania felt severely discriminated against, particularly in education, because of the Government's firm desire to assimilate

them. Large numbers of Germans have asked to emigrate to West Germany, with which Romania has emigration lecting data for a review of agreements, yet visas to leave Hougkong's homosevalier Hougkong's homosexuality the country continue to be

India-Pakistan talks raise hopes From Trevor Fishlock, Delhi, Feb 1

India and Pakistan are to ation of the talks would lead continue talking about a non- to a non-aggression pact. Mrs Indira Gandhi's proposal agression pact. That was the The discussions will be of a joint commission to resumed in Islamabad later outcome of the talks between the two countries which ended here today on a note this month. They will involve high-ranking Foreign Minis-try officials and will focus on

Mr Agha Shahi, Pakistan's the nuts-and-bolts aspects of Foreign Minister, returned to matters the foreign ministers in relations. Islamabad saying his dis- have agreed. cussions with Mr Narasimha Their joint Rao, his Indian counterpart, said "the air has been

Pakistan said it welcomed review and promote relations between the two countries. Both recognize there is a long way to go before there can be a lasting improvement

After three wars there has sions with Mr Narasimha. Their joint statement today been peace for 10 years, but his Indian counterpart, said "the air has been this has been marred by "not in any way been sufficiently cleared to allow occasional minor clashes on talks on the substance of an the border of disputed Kash-

Very gingerly this week, the Socialist Government has the problem consuling the begun to tackle one of the representatives of the differmost explosive items in its catalogue of reforms — the "creation of a great public unified and secular system of national education, without confiscation or or monopoly' in accordance with the elec-toral promises of M François Mitterrand.

the nationalization of private

M Savary: He must show his hand soon.

this century.

The Government wants to avoid this at all costs; at the same time it would like to integrate private education in

private schools enjoy. Father Paul Guidertea the secretary general of the association, told the minister tha it would not yield on five na it would not yield on tive points: free choice for families, the antonomy of the schools, freedom to appoint their heads, free choice of teachers, and independent religious schools. curricula.

Warning of homosexual witch hunt

From Richard Hughes Hongkong, Feb 1

A secret investigation is being conducted in Hongkong to list the names of "known homosexuals," male and female, in the civil service. A confidential directive defines a "known homo-sexual" as someone of either sex who has been convicted of a homosexual offence or who has formally acknowl-

edged being a practising homosexual.

"Existing policy," it is emphasized, "insists that no such persons, regardless of rank, should be appointed to the ciril service." siderable pressure from the Fen, which, with a return of a large number of its members to parliament in the last elections, comprises a power-ful and distinctly secarian strile force, and has substan-

with the present law". The Government Secretariat has declined to

discuss "any questions about internal staffing matters," but it is known that a subcommittee of the Law Reform Commission is col-

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A decent burial

The death of a dosser is the saddest thing, but it was Irish Night, too, on Police (BBC 1) so a fumbling anarchy tem-pered the sadness. One of the gentlemen across the road had been found dead at the foot of the stairs, had he? Well, no, said the lady from well, no, sain the lady from
the better side of the street
— shrug and pursing of lips
not perhaps on show but
certainly implied — she could
not really say whether one of
them had walked with a stick,
they were all so drunk all the time what difference did it make? There are moments, every week, when Police should be called "public".

The problem, of course, was shaking Mickie the Brickie's fellow-dossers out

of their bovine, alcoholic daze enough to discover which of them, if any, had given him a push. Nobody made a bit of sense first time round, so the house was sealed off, "overnight accom-modation" provided at the Station (with Full English Breakfast?) and further tinctures withheld for 24 hours.
The next day, it was clear
that they all had told the
story they had been trying to articulate before. Sentences rose gently and trailed off, gazes were met or evaded big hands sweated, opened and shut. It was no good: to the Chief Inspector's displeasure, they all had to be sent home. The Coroner was called in and the body, said to have helped to build Aldermaston Research Station and to have been sustained in a late life of liquor by revenue from property in Ireland, was decently buried. Enthralling.

Horizon (BBC2) asked "What happened to the Energy Crisis?" and Christopher Woolley surveyed the current state of resources and research into finite and alternative forms of power to the point where the infor-mation piled up into what was described in the pro-gramme itself as a fatigue-inducing load. Was nuclear energy necessary? Could we employ Swedish methods of inter-seasonal storage in our more equable climate? Could we follow the French
example in Britanny and
build a barrage across the
Severn? Then there was
geothermal energy in Cornwall and Passive Solar De-sign. And what about off-shore wind farms, Bristol Cylinders ("submerged but buoyant") and the Lancaster

inflatable Bag?. In Central Milton Keynes as everyone now seems to be calling it — eight houses enjoyed experimental energy behaviour and respon to domestic requirements of which were precisely recorded on a blue board of terminals marked "3rd Bedroom", "Floor Centre", "Floor Edge" (and I could almost swear "Cook") — but then people expect that kind of serious attention in CMK. Thoughout the programme statistics stunned one on the head and hurtled away in the mind, while a few lingered to puzzle. Enormous windmills, for example, two hundred feet high and three hundred feet across, would only provide electricity for six thousand people which, given the size of the things, did not

seem nearly enough.
Fatigue-inducing load was
more skilfully avoided on this occasion by Panorama (BBC1), in which Philip Tibenham and Tom Bower managed to make a pro-gramme about foreign policy and international rela-tions—specifically those of the United States (dormant) and Israel (active) towards Iran—that had everything from hawkish statements by Israeli officials on the need to overthrow Khomeini from within before chaos and Communism follow his death and American caution from former CIA men and Ambassadors still in shock from the mob-trauma of Teheran. The melodrama of arms-running, secret deals and disguised airports of origin broadened to a clear account of opposing postions that gave equal plausibility to

Michael Ratcliffe | each other, and which threa-

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Representational relish of the master collagist

Kurt Schwitters in England

Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal

James Cowie: The Artist at Work

Christopher Hull Gallery

Fine Art Society

Jean Marchand

Sickert and His Printmaker Friends

Parkin Gallery

Two major exhibitions dedicated

to the same artist in the course of four months might seem disproportionate - even when they are some small posthumous compen-sation for half a lifetime's neglect. But Kurt Schwitters is an interesting and varied enough artist to stand up happily to so much scrutiny, and in any case the whole thrust of the show Kurt Schwitters in England, at the Abbot Hall Gallery, Kendal, until February 28, is so different from the memorable London show at Marlborough Fine Art last Octob Mariborough Fine Art last Octob-er that the enterprise completely justifies itself.

In Kendal, as the title suggests, the accent is entirely upon Schwitters's work while he was living in the Lake District after he had been released from internment as an enemy alien early in the war. Here too, despite the subtle harmony in greens, or the unlikely circumstances. Schwitters continued to work on his The Bridge House, Ambleside vaguely Dadaist projects, turning one wall of a remote barn into the third Merzbau, his indefinable form of sculpture/painting/instal-lation which he had previously attempted in Hanover and then only look at some of the splendid

again during the first stage of his exile, in Norway. He also made exile, in Norway. He also made collages and painted abstracts. But his principal occupation was painting portraits and landscapes.

One might suppose that this was out of dire necessity and responded to no artistic urgings of his own. But, though he did indeed sometimes paint them for local tradesmen who supplied him with the basic necessities of life, or as a friendly return for hospitality, it

friendly return for hospitality, it is quite clear that he never, at any period in his career, looked down on representational art or felt it was any less natural and valid a part of his activity than the most dvanced and incomprehensible.

Which is very reasonable, since he was in fact a thoroughly accomplished representational painter, who obviously worked in the traditional forms not approximately the predictional forms and the predictional forms are predictional forms are predictional forms and the predictional forms are predictional forms and the predictional forms are predictio he traditional forms not only with facility but with great and painterly relish. Finally one may feel that the area of unique mastery is collage, which he arguably did better, and certainly more magically and less literarily, than anyone else. His abstract paintings too have their admirers, but they seldom seem quite right to me: too much like Theosophical thought-forms struggling ineffectually to be born. (Though I must admir that admit that some of the smaller ones in the Kendal show are wonderful: the two tiny Oval Paintings of 1945 and 1947, making their effect with just a few discreely distributed curves and dabs of colour, or The Pool, from the mid-Forties, which arranges its not quite decipherable shapes in a manner recalling Arshile Gorky, before the fact.)
But the fully figurative work inhabits a different world. A

number of the landscapes, and one or two of the portraits, such as Mrs Horner, suggest an unsuspected affinity with unsuspected affinity with Kokoschka. But in most of them he looks like a good, not quite placeable Post-Impressionist. The confident, saturated brush-strokes of the Lakeland Scene (c. 1946), a (1946), are very much of a piece with his briskly sketched portraits of local friends like Mr Routledge or his admirable flower-pieces. Was his heart in them? You need

scenes and people to see that it was. Perverse to the end, he refused to be categorized. Or are we perverse to want that?

We have another chance to make the acquaintance of a neglected-because unclassifiable artist closer to home — our home, not his — in London with the Fine Art Society's presentation of the Scottish: Arts Council's touring show James Cowie: The Artist at Work (until February 19). Cowie only looks unclassifiable, in that he went single-mindedly in his he went single-mindedly in his own direction throughout the Thirties, when no one else in England or Scotland was doing likewise; but, seen in an international context such as last year's big Centre Pompidou exhibition Les Réalismes 1919-1939 (not that he was, except mentally by a few British visitors), he makes perfect sense. His cool-toned, level-gazed brand of detailed realism can immediately be compared with the work of the German painters of the Neue German painters of the Neue Sachlichkeit group, or some of the equally neglected French artists who took themselves off the Ecole-de-Paris highroad to abstraction around the same time. For all that, he still remains a uniquely disturbing artist, isolated

uniquely disturbing artist, isotated by his temperament and personal vision rather than by any eccen-tricities of style. Few who saw his amazing Two Schoolgirls (1934-35) in the Hayward's Thirties show will have forgotten it. The two girls sit side-by-side, not so much talking as looking towards each other in silent question; behind them is a classical cast, and they are holding what look like smocks on their knees. It is at once intimate and monumental; they look as undefended and impreg-nable as the Mona Lisa. And this same feeling of temps mort, of waiting for Godot, impregnates many of Cowie's paintings of people, four of the most important among which are included in this show along with a fascinating array of sketches and preparatory

more telling when the mystery of his paintings remains implicit and undefinable; when, as increasingly in the Forties, he began to paint slightly surrealistic fantasies and weird symbolic pieces like Noon

To my taste he is a little bit



(1946), with nude figures disposed ambiguously in realistic landscapes, the sense of airlessness becomes too oppressive, the ability to disturb too calculated. But even here there is no doubting the force behind his

work; the passing years make him look more and more important. While we are on the subject of neglect, it is well worth taking a look at the show of oils, waterco-lours and drawings by Jean Marchand at the Christopher Hull Gallery, 670 Fulham Road, until February 13. Marchand was a as it should be near-contemporary of Derain, and passed through many of the same stylistic phases. Many competent judges (Roger Fry among them) thought as highly of his work, and yet though in London both O'Hana and Crane Kalman have constituted themselves his advocates, here and elsewhere he had sunk into obscurity since his death in 1941, aged 59. Quite

possibly he never consistently fulfilled his potential (but then

there are many who think the same of Derain after his brief and dazzling Fauve period), but there is a considerable body of worth-while work, as can be seen here best in some excellent drawings of French landscape, town and mountain, which have an elusive Cubist flavour without pushing too far into analysis; it is ultimately the senses rather than the mind which tell. And that, for Marchand's sort of painter, is just

Certainly Sickert, in this country, has never suffered from neglect - or not overall, though the recent show of his later work at the Hayward has demonstrated (to some) how far his last years have been underestimated. But Sickert was a giant, and inevitably those around a giant tend to get overshadowed. The main dis-covery of Sickert and His Printmaker Friends at Michael Par-kin's in Motcomb Street until February 13 is not Sickert's prints they are of course very good.



Routledge" (left), a brisk (and perverse?) sketch of friendship; and detail from Sickert's etching "The New Tie", the work of a stillunderestimated giant

but then we know that already -

but inevitably the work of the Some of them, like Whistler and Menpes, were quite grand and successful in their own right; others, like Walter Greaves and Thomas Way, were lesser mem-bers of Winstler's circle rather than Sickert's. But the prints of -one is tempted to call them Sickert's hand-maidens, for that gives a just enough impression of the relationship — Sylvia Gosse Wendela Boreel and Enid Bagnold can frequently take us by surprise and are on occasion as good as those of the master himself. Not consistently, though: there is the catch. But it would still be far more agreeable to have an etching by Wendela Boreel at her best, as in Mornington Crescent from Sickert's Window or Window Shopping — Moyses Stevens, Berkeley Square, than one in which Sickert nods.

John Russell Taylor

London debuts

Pianistic enterprise

Few pianists arrive at their tened to amble pleasantly for debuts with the enterprise and imagination shown by Alan Weiss in the first half of his recital, a judicious choice of sonatas by Haydn and Schubert surrounding Webern's Variations. The Haydn sonata, the C major work of 1789, was made as revolutionary as its date, with the first movement expressively laden with questioning lines, the second more comic than brilliant.

Schubert's D major Sonata also gained from Mr Weiss's willingness to chase character even at the expense of continuity, to plead individu-ally for each theme from a different point of view. His alternation in the first move-ment of bald statement and reflection was very effective, but so too was the mobile lyricism he brought to the slow movement and the finale, both of which became

fantasies of song and agility. In Webern, quite properly, the focus was closer, and Mr Weiss used all his considerable powers of articulation to examine each wisp of a musical phrase, each chord and even on occasion each note.

Nothing of this kind was possible for the Brekla Ensemble, a group as odd in formation as in name, for they studiously avoided what masterpieces are available to mezzo-soprano, clarinet, viola and piano. Instead we had a curious miscellany of Latin-American and east European material, together with a 25year-old sonatina rescued by Charles Camilleri for its belated baptism and a collection of songs by Spohr, his opus 103, in which voice and clarinet were made more to interfere with than support

This dismal choice repertory was especially regrettable when the peroffer. The mezzo, Jennifer Bolam, showed off a young voice of surprising versa-tility, able to move speedily from winning brightness to soulful gloom in characterizing the separate numbers of Dvorak's Gypsy Songs, but she would not have been obliged to try so hard if she had sung them in English rather than Czech. Lynn Holman, on clarinet, had a good firm tone and enough musicianship to make much of mediocre stuff.

The Hertz Trio from Canada, with the much richer piano trio repertory to draw on, did well to base their recital on two big romantic works, Brahms's C major Trio and Arensky's D minor, for their strengths lay in a full, unified tone, secure movement together and admirably firm yet flexible phrasing, particularly from the violin and cello when they were playing together in octaves.

By way of contrast they offered the terse and turbulent second trio of Violet Archer, one of the many gifted women composers who flourish in Canada as nowhere else. This piece had been thoroughly mastered by the ensemble, and it showed them in a starker light, with more attention on clarity of counterpoint as the two strings imitated the pianist's two hands in the slow movement, for instance, and with quicker lines of communication flashing among the players.

Theatre

Ayckbourn's contribution to a humble form

Seasons's Greetings

Greenwich

Discussing the bad old days of fortnightly rep, John Osborne's autobiography spends a couple of paraspends a couple of para-graphs on the mass of longforgotten formula comedies about family reunions. Sea-son's Greetings is Alan Ayckbourn's contribution to this

humble form. It is Christmas Eve. Uncle Harvey is slumped in the best armchair watching an old film on television. Belinda is decorating the tree while her husband looks after the drinks with a business crony. Uncle Bernard is threatening to put on his annual puppet play. And you know it is only a matter of time before the festive facade begins to

This being an Ayckbourn piece, there is no point in spilling any more of the plot. We are back in his middle class family circle of neg-lected wives, self-preoccupied husbands and relatives with drink problems and obsessive hobbies, where everyone hurts each other and nobody is to blame. What counts, as always, is the ingenuity of whatever new pattern he manages to weave from the familiar threads.

On those terms, the play is not in his top flight. He sets himself too main problems: how to write about Christmas without bringing children on, and how to release the feelings of the frustrated ladies. He tackles the first by keeping the kids in bed and on flashing among among rs.

Paul Griffiths

Record by allowing Belinda's sister Rachel to bring a young novelist, with whom she is slightly acquainted, to stay with the family. This is

an unlikely move, and, as Clive the novelist is there mainly to arouse erotic interest and suspicion, he passive figure. Nigel Havers gives him a nice line in self-deprecating charm, but it is a rotten part.

Otherwise, Ayckbourn's production is a treat from start to finish. Its characters take on an ever-strengthening definition while simul-taneously engaging in an increasingly concentrated action. The more imprisoned by events, the more free they become. To take one case, Peter Vaughan's Harvey has given all the children guns for Christmas. He is a former security guard and before long he resumes that role officiously patrolling the landing during the intrigue-ridden hours of darkness, and

finally pulling a gun on the departing Clive. The night scene, in which Clive pliably submits to an alcoholic wife, the virginally jealous Rachel (Marcia Warren, choking back her venom with a bright smile) and finally Belinda, whom he really wants, brings the main comic gradesion. comic explosion. This scene winds up the first act. Thereafter, though

the puppet show of Uncle Bernard (Bernard Hepton) goes as wrong as you could wish, the comedy cools to a bleakly discordant ending with snow falling and the party splitting up. It holds on course thanks to the prepara-tory fun and games. By now, Barbara Ferris, Gareth Hunt, Diane Bull and the rest of Ayckbourn's fine company have taken on such indepen-dent life that you care for them for their own sakes.

Irving. Wardle

War Music

Warehouse

I suppose that the theatre started something like this millennia ago, with men declaiming fierce and magical incatiations in a ring of rapt listeners. Christopher Logue has made these translations from the *Iliad* for the last 20 years. He and Alan Howard do not look in the least like those Alma-Tadema paintings of bards striking lyres and poses in front of audiences of genteel Victorian ancient Greeks. They make something older and wilder sing to

parts. The oldest, written in 1962, is the killing of Patroc-lus from Book 16. Next is a say, but coincidence must be conflation of blood and battles from Books 17 and 18, which Logue calls "GBH", or grievous bodily harm. Finally comes "Pax", of Book 19, in which Achilles comes back into the war, and so Troy falls. They divided the lines about two-thirds to Howard and one-third to Logue. Howard's marvellously versa-tile organ of a voice did most of the gods and heroes; his gravel-voiced sorcerer's apprentice took narrative and

clowns like Agamemnon. The modern metaphors of rockets at Cape Kennedy or a man being speared as one detaches a sardine from a tin made one sit up; but so did Homer's contemporary meta-ling extremely clever and phors jerk his audience back sympathetic, a mix of the into the Bronze Age. And book's crystallized narrative when Apollo strikes like a and hallucinatory dialogue nuclear bomb or Achilles, riding to battle, says: "I know I will not make old bones", the hair at the nape of one's neck bristles.

table, standing up and pacing peculiar, warped clarity. occasionally, and kept us on the edge of our chairs for two hours. Bentley said to Pope: "It is a pretty poem, Mr Pope, but you must not call it Homer". We did better than that on this occasion.

Philip Howard

Fear and Loathing

The poems fall into three Gate, Battersea

say, but coincidence must be ruled out. After the first night of Lou Stein's brave adaptation of the drug-crazed opus, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, one of its creatures came drifting past the Noel & Gertie, Sheridan Gate Theatre on Battersea Park Road. A late-1960 Cadillac, wide and white with songs of Noel Coward and sharp, pointed fins, it was a Gertrude Lawrence, which ghost of the car Hunter S. had a one-night charity Thompson called the White whale as it ferried him to a convention of narcotics offi
Theatre Royal, Winchester, cers, through a desert lake and to the casinos of Las

have found Mr Stein's handthat makes way for both action and reflection by dividing the Thompson character into two pieces. Mr Thompson himself invented It was often as plain and an alter ego, a character Strachan produces.

thing. They made a voice ingested the immense quan-come alive across 30 cen-turies, two rather shabby, and ether that gave his middle-aged men sitting at a pictures of Las Vegas a Cars and desert highways the Vegas strip, hotel rooms

direct and noble as the real named Raoul Duke who

and many other locations are folded neatly into the tiny theatre above the Latchmere public house. Packed with the scenic tour is the book's mad humour, but a vital ingredient is missing. Mr Thompson writes like a demented angel, but he is a rioter as well and Stuart Fox is weefully tame as Duke.
Peter Marinker, as the
narrating half, suggests more

danger but the outsize characterization of Duke's bizarre attorney, Chiswick, is the only thing that carries the threat and insights of the writing.

Morley's anthology based on the lives, letters, plays and songs of Noel Coward and year, is to be seen at the Theatre Royal, Winchester, on February 14. It then plays for a week at the Hong Kong Vegas. It certainly belonged Arts Festival. Immediately there, probably investigating afterwards, on March 1, it the treatment of the book. The car or its driver would dor Theatre on Broadway, in a performance in aid of the American Actors' Fund, the first time they have invited an English company. Pro-ceeds from this performance will also go towards the restoration of Coward's old home in Jamaica. Maria Aitken and Gary Bond play the title roles, and Alan

Opera

Tensions of an empire in decline

Götz Friedrich's new pro-duction of *Der Rosenkavalier* ducting is one of the joys of in Stuttgart is a stimulating affair, but it stops well short sensitive at this point. affair, but it stops well short of throwing the romance out of the window. He moves the story to the later days of the Habsburgs, giving a usually in an ante-room off a absent ring of chronological truth to the waltzes and hinting here and there at the nervousness of an empire in

When the curtain rises the Marschallin has a look of post-sexual satisfaction: Octavian is exhausted beside her. A portrait of the Field Marshal glowers down. Part of the Marschallin's problem is clear. She has married a much older man. The Field Marshal, on the other hand, has possibly married beneath Friedrich's realization, musi-most noticeable in the Marhimself, for his wife can be cally less convincing, with a schallin's exit. In Munich,

no business with the mirror. ensembles. Octavian is seen tarily for Octavian. At Dus-Instead, the Marschallin as a recklessly primitive seldorf, the Marschallin and casts a fearful look around her boudoir, and leaves. of gauche expression and lovers for elaborate hand-

Friedrich's staging of Act III is original and effective. The rendezvous takes place

festooned ballroom where couples in carnival costumes provide a dancing background. Ochs need not pay for the band after all. His horrors are provided by puppets, gleefully manipulated by children in the attic above. For the trio, ante-room, ballroom and dancers fade, and the actors are alone

on a candle-lit stage. The Marschallin is Karen Armstrong, accurate in decade ago, and the effect is characterization according to sometimes effortful. This is sharp with servants in public, is not always sure of herself, is quick to anger.

At the end of Act I there is

clumsy movement, trans-formed into manhood at a stroke by an ennobling new love. The gifted Doris Soffel sings and acts with fierce dedication. Baron Ochs be-comes a lovable, teddy-bear landowner (Helmut Berger-Tuna), never cast down, off to tumble the next milkmaid when the game is up. More traditional in concep-

tion is the new Der Rosenkavalier at Düsseldorl's Deut-sche Oper am Rhein, directed by Otto Schenk. As ever, he moves events fluently. Yet there are times when he seems to be seeking something unsaid in his memorable Munich production of a

shakes. The bitter sweetness of renunciation is blunted, and Von Faninal's "Sind halt aso, die junge Leur" and the Marschallin's poignant "Ja, ja" become pointless. Judith Beckmann's Mar-

schallin looks subtly young enough to fear the passing sung. Her Octavian is Trude-liese Schmidt, ardent and impulsive, eloquently rich singing reaching its zenith in a strong line in the trio. Ochs (Karl Ridderbusch) is a pompous womanizer grab-bing a last chance, disil-lusioned and suddenly aged

It is in Hiroshi Wakasugi's conducting that the Düsseldorf production moves away from tradition, with the score treated almost in a chamber music style. The textures are transparent, detail which is often swamped is exposed, relevant motifs have a telling impact. It serves Von Hofmannsthal well.

Kenneth Loveland



(left) and Karen Armstrong strongly

Records

Gielgud revisits Brideshead

Next month Argo are trans- means abridgement, has been

Sir John Gielgud, already well acquainted with *Brides*head Revisited via Granada's magnificent television serialization, reads an abridged version of Evelyn Waugh's novel on SAY 1. The patrician tones, flecked with more than a little melancholy, fit the text ideally. There is one tiny blemish— the naming of the Sauternes Charles and Sebastian drink during that blissful May Day in Oxford — but for the rest it is an admirable reminder of the book.

Robert Hardy narrating four Sherlock Holmes stories (SAY 2), and not the bestknown ones either, uses rather more characterization than Sir John. Again the diction is immaculate and the adaptation, which really

ferring 30 items from their done with considerable skill spoken word record cata- Both issues are good casual Both issues are good casual logue on to cassette, together listening — in the car, in the with six new recordings, two of which have been given a pre-release.

Soli issues are good castal listening — in the car, in the car, in the car, in the pre-release. price, at just under £6 for a double cassette, modest.

John Higgins



We need the universities — all of us "Britain Needs its Universities." Well, surely, 10,000 car bumper stickers can't be wrong; there are supporting facts and figures, after all. Current demand for entry from 18-year-olds far exceeds the number of places available. While a continuing stream of new bankruptcies sadly underlines the depressed and depressing state of industry, the cannier sectors continue to make challengingly heavy de-mands on university research

Neither of these indicators need cause surprise. Where else, on the one hand, is the 18-year-old to look for the education and training to enter such pro-fessions as engineering, law, medicine, dentistry? Where else is industry to look for the basic research in pharmaceuticals or oil-rig technology or microelectronics? Industry's own labs cannot provide either the breadth of basic science or usually — the FRS-quality leadership.

Yet the universities are in the process of unprecedented contraction, the degree and timescale of which are alike spectacularly dangerous. About one sixth of the provision is to be lost over the next two years. This means still fewer places for school-leavers; almost no openings for bright young scholars and scientists to contribute to our culture and scientific progress: a reduction of basic research activity below the level at which universities can contribute to industrial development; and the loss of about 5,000

academic jobs. But more: it also means that (through the scale and rapidity of the cutback) universities are finding it almost impossible to conduct the rational planning that would enable them to safeguard what is best, what is unique, what is most promising for the nation's future.

So who is raising the alarm? Many MPs. Many thoughtful industrialists. The universities themselves, of course: with the lively risk that their protests are out down to self-interest. But from the public at large there is remarkably little outcry. So if 'Britain Needs its Universities".

it would seem that Britain as a whole is curiously unaware of it. "Oh, reason not the need," retorted King Lear, when he was told to make large-scale redundancies among his knights and squires. Well, clearly, we must reason it. Our universities cannot expect to thrive unless the public at large understands them enough to feel the need for them and to feel this need to the extent of actually willing the huge resources required to pay

Universities in this country are deeply vulnerable in being almost entirely dependent on indirect public support (through government funding) and in having done so little to make themselves attractive to direct public support. Not even the relatively small proportion of the population who have actually experienced university education



Randolph Quirk

have developed a sense of individual, personal, financial responsibility for the universities that launched them into their careers. The situation is very different

in the United States, where alumnus support is not only a valuable way of maintaining a widely spread and continuing interest in a university, giving individuals a stake in its development: it is a financial sheet anchor. During the 1929 depression, it was on alumnus funds that the great American universities relied to maintain their excellence - and it was on the universities that the United States in no small measure relied to pull the country back into prosperity. If we in the British

universities cannot communicate our need to our own alumni, how can we expect the general public to recognize the need?

Yet the slogan is not mere rhetoric and not mere self-interest. There is no member of the public who does not in scores of ways rely on the universities and "products". Pervasively this is true of our entire culture. public administration, the media. It is true in respect of a vast range of industrial developments and social services.

If one had to pick out one single respect in which the public should see the need for universities, it would be health. Yet not even this is necessarily obvious. When some demo or other was in the news a while ago, a friend of mine heard someone say that students should be made to clean sewers. When asked if he would want his doctor to have had such "correc-tion", the reply was, "What on earth have doctors to do with universities? They're trained in

Well, of course, it's not just that every doctor has been a university student for five years: we simply do not realize how much of the actual treatment in our major hospitals is done by people engaged in university teaching and clinical research. And if one had to pick out one

single university that the public should feel themselves needing, it would be London. Not all that surprising, perhaps, since the University of London is so very much larger than any other and

has such an extraordinarily distinguished staff in its 50 colleges, schools and institutes. I am not making a special case

for making London a special case (though it certainly is). I am concerned only that the man in the street is apparently not concerned. Wherever he lives, there is a one-in-three chance that his doctor is a London product - a still better chance that his dentist is. Perhaps because of London's size and complexity, it is not universally known that places like "Barts" and "Guys" (which are universally known) are in fact part of London University.

Gower Street was a natural choice for filming Doctor in the House. When the Wolfson Foundation in 1981 set up a department for the prevention of blindness, it was equally a natural choice to place it in London University's Institute of Ophthalmology.

It is a matter of some urgency

that the British people as a whole should recognize that they do indeed need their universities. Not simply as places where their sons and daughters can get degrees — though that itself is important enough. But as the power houses supplying our health services; generating fun-damental work in engineering, science, management techniques, legal expertise; underpinning and sustaining what is most precious in our country. Professor Ouirk is Vice-chancellor

of London University.

Guess which urchin co-starred with Callas

Frank Johnson recalls an unforgettable night at Covent Garden 25 years ago

happened to everyone, but Petersburg in which is set only one. Politicians, most Act One of Tchaikovsky's columnists and nearly every- Queen of Spades. In this one who goes on television latter role we were less are under the impression that everything that has happened school being long on urchins to them is interesting. Such and screaming dwarfs, but people are no exceptions to this remorseless law. Only one thing is likely to have happened to them too, if as All of which is by way of

being an overture to the announcement that the interesting thing that happened to me took place amid the fog of pre-Clean Air Act London 25 years ago this very night when I appeared with Maria Callas in the first of two performances at Covent Garden of Bellini's Norma. The secondary school in Shoreditch of which I was an

inmate happened to supply the human material for the children's parts at the Royal Opera House. The qualification for getting into this academy was stiff: one had to fail the 11 Plus. In my day one had to be almost feral to fail it. I shall always be

school, the privileged pupils discovered that, because the for the opera, you got out of maths. On the strength of a few mid-1950s television productions, I disliked opera. On the strength of a few lessons, I feared maths. I volunteered for the opera.

My Covent Garden debut to be bullied. was in 1955 as one of the Nibelheim dwarfs in Das Rheingold. We were required to scream when the late Otakar Kraus, the greatest of Covent Garden Alberichs, cursed the gold. Over the urchins in Act One of Carmen, the urchins in Act Two of Boheme, the urchins in Act One of Janacek's Jenufa, the urchins in Acts One and Two of Otello, and both Trojan and Carthaginian urchins at various stages of recall, the same costume. We were also the aristo-

Experience has taught me cratic officer cadets marchthat one interesting thing has ing around the garden in St short on aristocrats.

It was extraordinarily casual. In some of these works we were required to sing. Carmen, after all, contains an urchins' chorus of some complexity. But of the vocal arts we were entirely deficient. We simply shouted with the utmost vigour, usually in English, such was Covent Garden's linguistic policy at the time, but in Otello in phonetic, cockney Italian. Happily, this dark era in Covent Garden's history has ended, and the school which provides the lads today achieves higher standards. Early in 1957, we learned

that there was an opera coming up which would require only two of us: Norma. Apparently the hero-ine of that name had two children whom she decides to grateful to my early teachers that I managed the feat. opting instead for a duet with soprano. I and a boy called Arthur were chosen. The choice was dictated by rehearsals took place during our height rather than innate the day, if you volunteered musicality, which was just as well since no singing was required. Furthermore Arthur and I had no history of atistic collaboration. Being even smaller than me, he was the one by whom I was always courageously refusing

I embarked on this memoir resolved to be honest, to tell only that which I could remember. So now the sad truth must be faced: of this, the one moment of my life next three years we were the which makes me immortal, I can recall very little. Just a few images in my memory.
For it was 25 years ago, and I
was just turned 14. So today
I never trust the childhood reminiscences of autobiogra-

I remember that there Berlioz's immense The seemed to be something Trojans, wearing in both exciting and tense about the Troy and Carthage, I seem to atmosphere in the weeks



enjoined to be on our best behaviour, especially at the first rehearsal. At some point we must have learned that someone exceptional was involved, which meant some-one with a foreign name. Hitherto, under the Covent Garden regime, the singers tended to have such names as Elsie Morrison and James Inhuston, the latter a ringing ing Irish tenor who used to tell Carmen: "Carmen, oil never leaf your soid." But we had been the choirboys whom Mr Tito Gobbi had terrified in Act One of Tosca, and he had seemed jolly enough, for he had fed us Italian gob-stoppers during a rehearsal and asked us about

with some consternation that woman was coming to

NORMA, High Priestess of the Druids MARIA MENEGHINI CALLAS

EBE STIGNANI ADALGISA, a virgin of the Temple MARIE COLLIER CLOTILDE, Norme's Confidante ...

ARTHUR MACKENZIE

The two children of Pollions and Norma FRANK JOHNSON

Maria Callas as Norma at Covent Garden on February 2, 1957; and part of the programme that night

details).

fashion of the day. (Pubes-

cent boys take note of such

"That's her," Arthur said.

"Don't be bloody daft," I

distinctly remember telling him. "That's West's sec-

retary." But Arthur was

"These are the children,"

West said to the great soprano of the age. "They're a little big," she replied,

speaking I recall with a sort

of American accent. At this.

West, a somewhat epicene

figure, began to flap his wrists with some conster-nation. He gabbled some-

thing about younger ones not

being allowed on stage under

British law. Callas stared at

us. Arthur and I cowered if this bitch gets the boot for baritones, what would she do to us, we no doubt pondered,

"I understand," Callas told West, who breathed again. But there was still trouble. It

came, however, not from Callas but from the mezzo soprano, the late Ebe

She was singing Norma's

rival in love, the "young temple virgin Adalgisa." Stig-

nami was 53 at the time. I now know that she was a singer of much distinction.

"Her acting was all in the voice," says my edition of the Oxford Dictionary of Opera, which was just as well

because she was a short, round woman with a terrify-ing face. "Not understand to

Stignani.

I regret, in our rough way,

in a duet. The latter was untrue, as the books now make clear,

a final note longer than her

but that was no good to Arthur and me at the time. This tigress sounded like trouble for us. I suppose that this stage in her career, 1957, was the one in which Callas emerged into the conciousness of the masses. She still included "Meneghini" in her name, after the doddery industrialist of some antiquity whom she had mar-ried. But the liason with Onassis lay only a matter of months away, as did Elsa of her into international cafe society. By 1957 she had slimmed, but the voice, I now know from her recordings of the time, was still full. At 33,

As a result of the Mirror, household and neighbours were alerted. There was some doubt as to whether Norma was the name of the opera or the name of the great singer. "My boy's appearing with that Norma," my father would sometimes explain. By word of mouth down the street, this was occasionally transmuted into the Johnson boy appearing with Yana, a popular television artiste of the period.

she was at her apogee.

football. Came the rehearsal. The Then, probably in the Daily late Christopher West, the Mirror, Arthur and I learned producer, seemed nervous. An efficient looking woman came in wearing sculptured horn-rimmed glasses a tight I remember that there Covent Garden who was horn-rimmed glasses a tight seemed to be something known as the "Opera's Tigence citing and tense about the atmosphere in the weeks been in a "storm" in New black seams down the back to before the performance. York. She had got the sack which were affixed stiletto Arthur and I were constantly for a baritone who had held West giggles.

I forget the actual rehearsal Indeed, the policy of honesty compels admission that I remember little of the two performances themselves. But I do recall that when we emerged from Covent Garden underground station, people were already at the barriers offering clusters of £5 notes for

when Callas bore down on us with the knife, her nostrils flared; that when, dropping the knife, she repentantly aunt who was always kissing performance on February 2 there penetrated, into my left eye, the tip of the diva's right breast, which partnership remained throughout the duet subsequent with Stignani.

In that eye I felt the most myth and legend rose and fell. In the the far corner of the gallery. At the second performance, I ducked and secured a safer refuge in a more central portion of the diva's bosom.

the loudspeakers which carry the performance to the dressing rooms, I remember coming to the conclusion that the bloodthirsty chorus in Act One, Dell'aura tua profetica, Terribil Dio, l'informa ("Inspire her, o terrible God, with your prophetic spirit") was the same tune as Over the Mountains, Over the Sea, That's Where My Heart Is Longing To Be, to be inces-santly heard at the time from Miss Anne Shelton.

And that is all. Still, there are few men who can truthfully say that their eye made contact with the right nipple of Maria Callas. So it is not necessarily true that him, not understand to him, someone who has passed Maria," she told Callas.
"They're too bigga. Though I cannot claw the precise words back from memory,

Sand I also wanted to post a

few letters...,

Callas replied with something about even the great Stignani having to abide by the law.

And I could not forget that clasped her bosom, her encouragement in their up-perfume smelt like that of an bringing and environment to

> breadwinner husband. uence a young wom

Furthermore, listening to There is clear evidence of the priority which both husbands and wives give to the husband's job. Of 53 wives, 38 had changed jobs

laboratory technician.

Like other research, the

Divorce: why should a wife be the loser?

The Government is going about with reforms to the divorce laws which would curtail an ex-wife's right to indefinite maintenance. Penny Mansfield and Robert Chester argue why the proposal is open to question.

housewife-marriage serial polygamy practised by persons of modest means?" on the family law summed up

monogamy, nuclear family hours to suit domestic needs households and orderly fam and five more planned to ily careers. The explosion of change hours or jobs for divorce since the 1960s has similar reasons. thrown all this into disarray. Alimony rights have de-rived from the notion of

compensation for breech of contract and at the moment judges are obliged to seek to been in had the marriages

not ended.

The alimony principle has been attacked from several angles: it is anachronistic when divorce no longer rests on matrimonial fault or blame; it is not a practical possibility since many men default on maintenance payments; it produces hardship for divorced men and their second families; it ignores changes in the eco-monic status of women and encourages notions of depen-

Undoubtedly present policy is no longer appropriate but are the proposed reforms any more realistic relying as they do on the objective of self-sufficiency for divorced

Advances towards sexual equality have not yet removed the economic disabilities of women. In comparison with men, women have lower earnings, more part-time work, more underemployment in relation to qualifications, fewer oppor-tunities for training and promotion and find less

accept such opportunities. These labour market realities face all women but for divorced women they are compounded by economic handicaps which are rooted in a marriage structure which leaves the wife as homemaker dependent on the The Law Commission ac-

knowledged that the prospect of_marriage "can serve to choice of career and accordingly her economic pros-pects". Early data from a study of newly-weds by the UK Marriage Research Cen-tre shows just how true this

around the time of marriage. For 10 women getting mar-ried meant moving to a new area convenient for the husband's workplace, and making their journey to work impossible. Because of this three wives had become unemployed and three others were underemployed: one physics graduate, for example was working as a

study shows that while most men and women say they believe that housework should be shared, it is the wife who actually does most of it, even though in the early months of marriage she is probably employed for the

"Who is to bear the cost of same number of hours as her the deadly combination of husband away from the and home.

persons of modest means?" conflict with employment in This is how a contributor to is the wives who cope by an international conference reducing job demands; has bands doing more hous the present debate on the is not seen as a serious financial consequences of solution. The husband might divorce. "help out" but he is not men one marriage in four, lest it interferes with his divorce is commonplace, work and because it is Until recently though, family assumed that domestic re-law, welfare provision and sponsibilities are ultimately popular thought all saw the the wife's. Five wives had family in terms of life-long already altered working

Nearly all the wives expect: to leave their jobs during their first pregnancy, and do not plan to return to work were part-time, before the youngest child reaches school age. So they expect to put divorced parties in the school age. So they expect to position they would have be at home for at least fire years and on the whole do: not reflect upon their occupational prospects there after.

These young wives (all-under 30 on their wedding day in 1979) did not explicitly perceive marriage as a secuand life-long career and yet, after only three months of marriage their work adjust-ments show a clear expectation of economic depen-dency, particularly while bringing up their children.

In spite of changes in the divorce law and the rhetoric of marriage, traditional par-terns live on in contemporary new marriages. Although most brides work until their first pregnancy, they still expect to spend several years exclusively involved in rear-ing children and tending the home while their husbands work to support the family. Existing employment struc-tures do not allow much variation on this old theme of housewife marriage. 🤺

While it is within the spirit of sexual equality to encourindependent of their hus hands it is unsatisfactory that such fundamental change should be engineered through adjustments of the law on maintenance. In the short term women

may find themselves torn between accepting economic dependency while their marriages subsist and preparing for self-sufficiency if it ends. In the long term, the impact may be felt by married men whose freedom to pursua their careers will be diminished when their wi anxious not to jeopardise their own future prospects, refuse to give priority to their husband's employment.

Whatever the these proposals highlight the confusion and irresolution surrounding public conceptions of marriage and the family. Mass divorce and the new nature of marriage produce the need for systematic consideration of existing law, employment practises and the labour market, child care systems and many other areas of social life which relate to the family.

The implementation of the

proposals would continue a process of indirectly reforming the family by piecemeal means, creating new prob-lems in the attempt to solve existing ones.

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Fianna Fail helps Sile to her seat

More controversy for European MP Sile de Valera. Having been thwarted three times in her attempts to find a constituency in Eire's forthcoming general elec-tion, she has now been "im-posed" in South Dublin by posed" in South Dublin by Fianna Fail's organization com-The grand-daughter of Ire-

land's founding father, Eamon de Valera, formerly represented a Co. Dublin constituency in the Dail, the Irish Parliament, but lost her seat in a big swing against Fianna Fail at last June's general election. She is one of four candidates to be "imposed" in constituencies throughout the Republic.

Mr Seamus Brennan a sitting Fianna Fail member for the South Dublin division, said yesterday he was "surprised and shocked" at the development.

Although still only 27. Miss de Valera has already had a career marked by a number of controversial outbursts. In November 1980, she described Margaret Thatcher's statements on the H block issue as "callous, unfeeling and self-righteous". She also accused the British Government of bungling and hypocrisy about human rights.

She has also criticized successive Fianna Fail leaders for their allegedly soft-line Republican approach, although his does not seem to have won her much grass root party support.



Sile de Valera: "imposed" in South Dublin

Subbed out

Dog may not eat dog, but can still put the bite on pretty hard. The Freelance, the circular of the London treelance branch of the National Union of Journalists yesterday published the Street of Shame's own "list of shame" complete rundown of the 305 members who were lapsed from membership at the end of last year because their union dues were more than three months in

It was inexcusable, irresistible schadenfreude that made me pick on a couple of the better known names on the list. Bruce Page, editor of the New Statesman, was meekly contrite. "I should have paid my sub. They sent me lots of reminders, but I forgot. My

THE TIMES DIARY



Half way through its 13th season, television's weekly potted biog show, This is Your Life, is still clocking up impressive viewing figures -16 million is the average, and

Anita Harris, first subject of 1982, drew a mammoth 19.3 million. The secret of its success, according to its compere, Eamonn Andrews, is that it remains a friendly show, topical to the extent that people in the news get a look in alongside the basically

showbiz element. It has a backnom staff of 20 and is recorded 24 hours before transmission. Hand on heart, Eamonn Andrews assures me there have been no refusals since Danny Blanchflower turned them down. Richard Gordon said no but relented. And more recently a doctor whose dossier was being completed rung up to say his wife was in the process of having a nervous breakdown, so great was the strain of trying to keep it all

secret.
They may fit him in next time

shame does have some effect on

Roger Woddis, contributor to Radio Times and Punch, said: "I do believe in unity being strength. The last thing I want is to be struck off by the National Union of Journalists, though I only belong because there is not a National Union of Poets or of Satirical Scribes."

Regretfully, he doubted it was the most shameful thing he had ever done. "It reminds me of James Joyce in Trieste being approached by an old man who asked to shake the hand that wrote Finnigan's Wake. Joyce thought, and then said: "No, I think not. It's done a lot of other things as well?" things as well."

secretary is putting the matter right, which I hope shows that Bishop's move

Prebendary Michael Baughen, 51, a London clergyman, who has rewritten the Psalms to modern music and encouraged dance and mine in his church, is to succeed the Rt Rev Victor Whitsey, who had the reputation of being one of the Church of England's most conservative leaders, as the next Bishop of Chester.

The new bishop is at present rector of All Souls', Langham Place, a centre of the Anglican Church's evangelical movement and of innovation in worship and Bishop Whitsey, aged 65, who

women, and two years ago ordered his clergy to wear their dog collars at all times. Prebendary Baughen led the team which produced the best-selling worship book "Psalm Praise" which gives modern translations of the Psalms often to foot-tapping guitar rhythms.

church close to Broadcasting House in 1970 and was involved in raising £750,000 for a rebuilding scheme. The church to make an underground meeting hall, refectory and studios for the BBC which transmits the daily retired in December, was a hall refectory and studio leading supporter of the 1662 BBC which transmits to Book of Common Prayer, an service from the church.

opponent of the ordination of

He went to All Souls' - a Nash

Holmes for TV

Dame Jean Conan Doyle tells me she has sold the television rights for a series about the adventures of the illustrious Sherlock Holmes to the American film

Holmes to the American film maker Sy Weintraub.

Weintraub plans to make the £20m series mainly for American and British television with Otto Plashkes, the Austrian-born producer best known for Georgy Girl, The Bofors Gun, and The Homer warming. Homecoming.

Dame Jean, who was once an honorary ADC to the Queen, has

insisted on guarantees that the series (no fewer than 26 parts will be filmed ower the next three years) be faithful to her late years) be faithful to her late father's work.

Though Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's works are in public domain in Britain, they are not in the United States. Under new copywright laws there Dame Jean, 69, whose father died in 1920 has been able to award the

copywright up to 75 years from the date of publication. She said: "I want people to appreciate my father's work in the original though I am aware there will be pastiches, often distasteful ones in this country. But I am happy about the plans for the television series."

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Food for thought

I suppose all those commercial attaches in our embassies abroad know what they are doing. But some of the information which they — presumably — have passed to the Department of passed to the Department of Trade in the praiseworthy cause of assisting British food and

drink exports strikes me as distinctly rum. I can understand why Afghar-

istan wants more alcoholic beverages; presumably the Russians have long since drunk the volks supplies dry. But are we really to believe that Australia is short of frozen seafood, that Austria needs more confectionery and that Finland wants to buy herring filters? What with a present does fillets? What, might one ask, does Cyprus want with glace cherries and the Ivory Coast with cocktal snacks? And why, above all, is France crying out for baked

Good show

The company of Good, the last of Glasgow-born playwright Cecil P. Taylor's plays to reach London before his death in December, is to give a special benefit performance at the Aldwych Theatre on March 7 in his memory. The cast wil be headed by Alan Howard who has been named Best Actor of the Year in the Standard, Drama and Society of West End Theatre Awards, for his perform ance in the RSC production of the play. Harry Secombe, Felicity Kendal, Jane Asher, Tom Conti and Gemma Jones are among those admirers of Taylor who have agreed to sell special. souvenir programmes. The money raised from the perform-ance will go to Taylor's family.

Correction

My apologies for describing Lord Longford recently as an Anglo-Catholic. He is of course, an English Roman Catholic.

Michael Horsnell

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Mapping for the Mr John Wing. The fundament pr

(January 29) demonstrates clearly

(if that is the word) the confused and generally invertebrate think-

ing current among commentators on Northern Irish affairs. While

he quite plainly realizes that any

attempt at devolution would give Paisley his cherished wish, that of becoming Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, he still sup-ports Prior's efforts at devol-

the province endure these fanci-ful attempts at constitution-build-

ing? Has not the history of Stormont demonstrated that the

province is entirely unsuitable

for devolved government of any sort, because of the religious and national divisions within it? I

have yet to read a convincing argument that devolution in the

province would not simply resur-rect all the old problems of

only way to reduce his influence

is to stop encouraging him with the prospect of power. Watt dismisses the idea of integration into the United Kingdom because

desperation by ... clanging the prison door on them for ever." Watt here seems to think that all Catholics in Northen Ireland are

diehard nationalists of the provo

that 33 per cent of Catholics favoured integration, while the Northern Ireland Attitude Survey

(1979) found that over 90 per cent

of Catholics agreed with the statement that laws in Northern

Ireland should be the same as

are imprisoned in the province: it

would be devolution, rather than

integration, that would condemn

them to struggle in the old morass of sterile provincial

politics. The SDP, unlike the

other major national parties,

allows people from Northern Ireland to join it, and thus break "out of the ghetto" into national

politics which transcend provin-

cial enmities.

The nationalists are right when

they argue that there can be no

solution within the province itself; it must be a United

Kingdom solution. Even Mr Watt

realises that a united Ireland is out of the question.

that renting provides an entirely

sensible and worthwhile option

for many people at different stages in their lives; young,

mobile people, elderly people who do not wish to have to maintain

their own homes, people on low

or variable incomes. A proper system of renting, which cannot

exist until the financial benefits

of owning and renting are evened out, would allow each tenure system to develop different but

qually worthwhile character

Finally, the significance of Mr

Weale's letter is entirely under-

mined by his dubious use of figures. He quotes the rise in council subsidies between 1970

and 1979 yet, on the one hand, subsidies have fallen rapidly in

the past three years and, on the other, the 1970s subsidy burden

was a temporary one caused by

the heavy concentration of costs

at the beginning of repayment periods which was the result of

Both Catholics and Protestants

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Yours faithfully,

Arts D413, University of Sussex,

D. H. YOUNG,

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WHO IS TO LEAD THE ALLIANCE?

Throughout last year the yond question. But he does would himself have many Social Democrats made a virtue of their collective leadership. How could one leader, it was asked, make an appearance in all the places where it was necessary to drum up support? How could one person take all the decisions required in setting up a new party? What an ingenious arrangement it was to have four leaders instead of one. Perhaps, it was even suggested on one occasion, this temporary convenience might be converted into a permanent system.

No longer. The Social Democrats have realized that they and the alliance will be at a disadvantage until they have agreed on a single leader. Mr William Rodgers has even proposed that they should dispense with the necessity of an election and agree among themselves that Mr Jenkins should be the parliamentary leader, and therefore the potential Prime Minister, and Mrs Williams the president who would lead the party in the country.

If only one candidate were to come forward for each of these posts that would be all right. But it is unlikely that that will happen, and it would be a grave mistake to take any steps that would prevent or deter anyone from offering himself or herself for the leadership. It would be a different matter if a defeated candidate were not to accept the verdict and were therefore to force a succession of leadership contests. It is that prospect that has attracted so: much resentment to Mr Benn in the Labour Party. But when a new party is choosing its first leader there can be no question of disloyalty in anybody standing for election. The case for doing so is all the stronger when the candidate represents a distinctive point of view in terms of strategy and policy.

Considerable criticism the SDP is directed towards

vital respects: he comes from the more radical sector of the party and he is more inclined to keep his distance from the Liberals. There is no good reason therefore why Dr Owen should not put his claim to the test. The same may be said of Mrs Williams, who may not represent such a distinctive viewpoint but who commands more affection within the party and among the general public.

But while Mr Rodgers may have recommended the wrong tactics, he is surely seeking the best outcome. Mr Jenkins would be the wisest choice as parliamentary leader of the SDP. He has a personal authority within the SDP that none of the other challengers possesses, and so would stand the best chance of leading a united party into the election. He has the stature to be recognized more easily than any of the others by the electorate as a potential Prime Minister; and he is the only person who would be generally acceptable to both Liberals and Social Democrats as the leader of the alliance.

This last consideration is critical. The question that will be asked increasingly of the alliance as the election approaches is whether it looks credible as a potential government. To answer that question satisfactorily the alliance must campaign as much as possible in combina-Prime Minister of an alliance government. Partly because he believes in closer cooperation with the Liberals than do comes from an older generation, Mr Jenkins would be

represent a different point of supporters as alliance leader, view from Mr Jenkins in two among the general public and from the ranks of the SDP, as well as in the Liberal Party. But it would not be realistic at this stage to expect former Cabinet ministers easily to accept the leadership of a politician in another party who has never yet held office in any government.

Before Mr Jenkins could be

elected parliamentary leader he would, of course, have to be in Parliament. The position at the moment is that the SDP is to hold at the end of next week a constitutional convention at which the draft constitution is to be amended and approved. It will then be sent for endorsement in a ballot of all members. In that ballot the members will be asked to choose between two alternative methods of electing the leader: by vote of the parliamentary party or by all the members of the party. As a matter of principle it would be better for the choice to be left to the parliamentary party. The cause of parliamentary democracy is not best served by transferring power away from Parliament to party activists in the country. But whichever method of election is preferred, it will be some months before the SDP can hold a leadership election.

That would give plenty of time for Mr Jenkins to take his seat if he is elected at Hillhead. If he is not elected there, his personal standing would be much diminished and tion, preferably with a joint his eligibility would depend manifesto and certainly have on his winning another bying announced in advance of election before the leadership the election who would be contest. That would be an uncertain prospect. But if he wins at Hillhead Mr Jenkins would be the best person for the Social Democrats and for Dr Owen and probably Mrs the alliance. Despite all their Williams, and because he difficulties over the allocation of seats, both the SDP and the Liberals would be wise to readily accepted as leader of think of the alliance as well as the alliance by Mr Steel, who of themselves. Together they would not serve so happily will look a much more the ambitions of Dr Owen. under any other leader of the convincing proposition in the That he is ambitious is be Social Democrats. Mr Steel next election and beyond.

CAMBRIA'S UNTRODDEN WAY

across some of the most remote and beautiful ground in Britain. But its abandonment by the Countryside Commission welcomed not only by farmers and local authorities (as usual influenced by strongly farmers' fears of thoughtless. intruders) but also by national park authorities and protecting the countryside from its too ardent and numerous admirers.

The Pennine Way may have done its abortive successor a disservice. It has become notorious in some conser-vation circles for its very success. Armies of hearty ramblers have chased away much of its wildness and

The Cambrian Way was never solitude, and their tens of promoting recreation as well born, and so its demise has thousands of sturdy boots as conservation. But even attracted few obituaries. If it have beaten the track to a with extra powers, the comhad come into being, Britain's gully in some places, a morass mission would never be wise a nicer class of person was taking walkers would never have in others. (These excesses if to act in disregard of strong charge soon "the wolf would lie given it up lightly: it is easy is fair to say, do not mar to to imagine the furore that the same extent the dozen would be roused by a other long-distance foot-proposal to extinguish the paths.) Where the Cambrian Pennine Way, a comparable way passed through the route, though slightly shorter pedestrian marshalling-yards and slightly less challenging. of Snowdonia the complaint The Cambrian Way would was that it would worsen have run the length of Wales already excessive pressures, from Cardiff to Conway, and where it passed through emptier quarters, the cry was that it would disturb nature reserves, or violate areas where additional recreational been use was officially discouraged: it could not win either way.

The plan had become such a source of conflict in Wales that the Countryside Comconservation interests. It is a mission was probably right sad paradox, which says much not to press it. The path about the difficulties in a would have had to be small island of encouraging managed by the local authorilove of the countryside and ties which were so strongly against it, and the controversy was souring the atmosphere of other discussions. In a letter in our columns yesterday, Mr Alan Mattingly, secretary of the Ramblers' Association, drew the moral that the commission needed new statutory powers to create a path on its own, and accused it of declining

local feelings. It is true that it is now giving a relatively greater emphasis to conservation these days, but given its limited resources and the growing pressures on the uplands from farmers and visitors alike, it is hard to criticize it for doing so. Long distance paths are

only part of the wider prob-lem. The commission is right at present to concentrate on developing less exacting and more accessible routes which help to draw off pressure from remote areas. We have too little wilderness to satisfy all demands, and there is no harm in diverting the less ambitious by promotional means, without imposing means, restrictions on outright access. The long distance path will always have a special appeal for some. But there was no point in making a major issue over the Cambrian Way when 80 per cent of the route it would have followed, is already public right of way. Imaginative and determined walkers will still be able to find their way from Cardiff to Conway, and their achievement will be all the more if they have had to interest in its function of navigate for themselves.

Proper names

From Mr Edmund Esdaile Sir, One of the more eccentric postbags is, or at least used to be, that received at the British Museum, of which my father was secretary. He periodically enlivened us at home with examples and after some 50 years I recall that of an inattentive Canadian typist who, having obviously misheard the word Curator, produced, both on the letter and on its enclosing envelope, this address: The Creator, The British London. The Post Office duly delivered it, forgoing any comment or emendation. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, EDMUND ESDAILE. 53 Surrenden Road, Brighton.

From Sir John Ackroyd Sir, Before Christmas I received prospectus inviting me to subscribe to a course in "The Use of Modern English". Study paper 9 in the prospectus covered Letter writing and correct forms of address". The envelope was addressed to Mr J. A. Bart. Yours faithfully.

JOHN ACKROYD, 43, Lansdowne Crescent, W11.

Mapping for the future

From Mr John Wright Sir, The fundamental weakness of the argument put forward in

your leading article (January 20) and by General Edge (January 27), that the Ordnance Survey could never pay for itself, is the failure to distinguish between the quite different functions, users. and distribution of the mediumscale contoured maps (at 1/10,000 scale and smaller) and the 200,000 or so very large scale uncontoured plans. The maps very nearly pay for themselves; the plans "lose" £20m a year. Similar maps are found in most devel-oped countries; but the largescale plans and their dense supporting framework are almost unique, being replaced elsewhere by individual title surveys and plans made by private licensed

Nearly everybody uses the maps in one way or another, for walking, motoring, science, teaching, police work and general administration; but to a very large extent the plans are only used by specialist professionals. Who, for example ever saw in real life or on television a policeman using a basic large-scale plan? The maps can be bought in any stationers; the plans can only be obtained from Ordnance Survey agents; and could not be done most of the specialist users make their own copies under licence. Yours faithfully, The main users are engineers, lawyers, architects, planners, and estate agents, and of course HM Land Registry, in the planning, management, and transfer of landed property. The copyright fees form a negligible part of

As Sir Dennis Pilcher said in his letter to you of September 9, 1981, which has not been contra-dicted, these professionals are quite prepared to pay more; and I understand that this view is supported by the Standing Committee of Professional Map Users, who are more worried about a possible lowering of standards. Revenue would of course then depend on the amount of use; but the Land Registry seems to manage quite well on income from the varying flow of property transactions — and because it does not pay the full cost of the basic plans it uses every day.

We are all agreed that now we have this system it would be madness not to keep it in good order, even though other countries manage without it. But it need not be subsidised by the taxpayer, because the cost could be met out of increased copyright fees from its users, in the same way that the other national maps are paid for by those who use them. Whether we should do this is of course a political question; but it is misleading to say that it could not be done.

JOHN WRIGHT. Webbs Farmhouse, Cakeham Road, West Wittering, Chichester, January 28.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lay-off clause in union law

From the Director General of the services or amongst a small Institute of Directors group of "key" employees, that Sir, Your leading article of

I have no doubt that the problem of strikes by strategically placed groups of workers, to which your proposal is addressed, is serious. But the suggested clause would do nothing to rid industry of a more insidious problem: the existence of the strike mentality. Strikes always involve a breach of contract. If all those at work are to be encouraged to honour their contracts it is hardly consistent to make an exception for em-

The inclusion of a lay-off clause in the Employment Bill would do just that, because it would enable employers to break the employment contracts of their employees where their work had been halted through no fault of their own but as a result of a strategic strike.

ployers.

Our concern over your pro-posal also stems from a fear that it may prove divisive. If a strike takes place in the essential

is the time, in my experience, for January 29 stated that the Employment Bill was flawed by the absence of a clause on layoffs. In my experience, for the employer to harness the good will of the majority of his employees in order to overcome the problems. To lay off employees who may have had nothing to do with the original strike in order to minimize the costs of a dispute is likely only to create resentment against the employer and so damage indus-trial relations.

A better course, and one urged by many other representatives of business would be to give some legal backing to procedure agree-ments. In this way parties to a dispute would be encouraged to reach a settlement within the framework of voluntary agree-ments, rather than to threaten the sanction of breach of contract

An amendment is needed to the Bill; but it is more important that this should be related to procedure agreements than lay-offs.

Yours faithfully, WALTER GOLDSMITH, Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, SW1.

How socialist is the SDP?

From the Reverend Martin Camroux and Mr Robert Lacey Sir, Last March, disturbed by the way the Labour Party was being destroyed from within, we resigned to become chairman and secretary of South Hampshire Social Democrats.

We believed that the SDP would break new ground while continuing all that had been best in the tradition of Attlee, Bevan and Gantskell, seeing it in David Owen's words as "not a Labour Party mark 2, but a Labour Party mark 4".

From the beginning the SDP began to betray the hopes vested in it. The expensive national launch was full of swish PR and bland cliches. Once out of the Labour Party the Gang of Four began to move rapidly to the right. The commitment to equality, central to socialism, was soon compromised by the de-cision to retain the deeply divisive systems of private health and education. The long-held commitment to economic plan-ning gave way to a rabid enthusiasm for a deodorised version of laissez-faire capitalism. Quickly, proposals were brought forward for far-ranging curbs on orga-nized labour with no corresponding attack on business malpractices and Grunwick-type employers.
The commitments to social

change turned into the belief that consensus and a cessation of political conflict would somehow bind up the wounds of a class-divided unjust society. Now that down with the lamb and the child play on the hole of the asp'

One did not need David Owen to bring out a new cheap edition of his Face the Future, removing all the references to socialism found in the original, to know. that betrayal was at hand. Soon at Crosby even Shirley Williams was campaigning without a trace of her former egalitarianism. For them all, "fame is the spur". The SPD now stands clearly revealed as a middle-class, right-

of-centre party. It most emphatically is not a social democratic

Sweden, Germany or Austria. No democratic socialists can support it without denying or repudiating the heritage they bring from the past. Neither of us will be renewing our membership. How tragically sad that while the Labour Party is still infected by the intolerant extremism of a hard left wholly alien to its traditions, the SDP should turn

party in the historical usage of

the term or by comparison with the social democratic parties of

out to be a fraud and a delusion. Yours faithfully, MARTIN CAMROUX, ROBERT LACEY, ...

18 Wilton Court, Wilton Road, Shirley, Southampton.

From Mr Martin Stevens, MP for Fulham (Conservative) Sir, Mr Tony Benn claims that the Social Democrats are a party of the far right. He need have no fears.

In 120 important parliamentary divisions between April, 1981, and January, 1982, the SDP supported the Government only once (last July, over the European Community Budget). They abstrained in pine vertex and recept abstained in nine votes, and were

split in five.

They joined Mr Benn and the
Labour Opposition in the lobby Yours truly, MARTIN STEVENS. House of Commons.

From Lady Jeger Sir, I see from your columns of January 26 that the Social Democratic Party has launched a

"think tank" to be called The Tawney Society.

I suppose this means that members of the SDP think well of R. H. Tawney. But what, I wonder, would Tawney think of

Yours truly, LENA M. JEGER, House of Lords. January 28.

Mixed fortunes

From Professor S. Rees Jones Sir, The continuing controversy (letters, January 20, 23) over the authenticity of the "Fortune Teller" attributed to Georges de la Tour, which the BBC intend to include in their 100 Great Paintings series, clearly indicates that stylistic and art historical criteria alone fail to provide a conclusion acceptable to all. It might be thought (and this seems to be in the minds of the supporters of the attribution) that the scientific examination of the materials and the painting technique would resolve the problem, but a critical reading of the technical communication from the Metropolitan Museum yields little eassurance.

We read for example that two tests based on the isotopes of lead were applied to the white lead paint; the one is admitted to be inconclusive, while the other is claimed to support the "authenticity of the painting, but does not provide definite proof". In fact, the value of the isotope ratio found is on the borderline of acceptance for a pre-1800 date but well within the statistics for post-1800. Another sample was submitted to a test (Differential Thermal Analysis) which gives

Lessons from Lutyens From Mrs Margaret Richardson

Sir, The Lutyens "debate" is not quite as straightforward as Charles M. describes ("Lutyens: a chequered career", January 13). Both Mr McKean and the "motley gang of revisionists" he refers to are equally misguided.

not intend to use the opportunity to point a way forward for architecture or to denigrate the Movement. But it does seem that it is only architectural journalists and some architects over 45 who continue to have any consistent interest in the theories of that

Younger architects turned to other ideas some years ago, and it was because architectural students were taking such an interest in Lutyens and the period around 1900, as well as in a mixed bag of historical styles, that it was felt appropriate to hold a major exhibition of his

data on age over the first 100 years or so of the life of a layer of linseed oil paint. The answer was: "more than 100 years". But when the possibility of out and out forgery is an issue for some of the contenders it is necessary first to establish that nothing has been introduced into the paint to stimulate bardening due to age. There is no mention of such an The report includes

reproduction of the X-ray photograph of the painting and an interpretation which, curiously, does not refer to what seems to be a fragment of another composition beneath the Fortune Teller thus suggesting that it was painted over a fragment of an old canvas, a not uncommon feature of forgeries.

The above comments are directed at the report's selective use of scientific evidence, only one item of which favours the painting (the presence of a yellow pigment thought to have become obsolete during the eighteenth century) and not in any way at the painting which I have never Yours faithfully,

S. REES JONES, The Athenaeum, Pall Mall. SW1. January 27.

The principal organizers of the Lutyens exhibition certainly did 'heroic period" of the Modern

work. If anything it was too late.

The Architectural Association, for example, has been holding weekly lectures on Lutyens for the past two years: well attended by both students and the pro-

But this is not to imply that younger architects are rushing to build in revivalist styles with methods taken from the Arts and Crafts movement. What they crib from the past are random ideas and details absorbed into a mishmash of what they already know. and, when executed, their buildings are utterly "modern" in technique and conception.

Lutyens's work, particularly, is stimulating as his early vernacular houses are freely composed and very inventive. His Georgian houses are not popular at present, but the oddity of the chequer-board housing in Westminster is rather admired. What is happening in architecture is a complex and subtle development that builds upon the achievements of the Modern Movement. Yours faithfully. MARGARET RICHARDSON. 64 Albert Street, NW1.

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Prospects for an Ulster Assembly

From Professor Cornelius O'Leary From Mr D. H. Young Sir, David Watt (feature, January Sir, Your columnist David Watt 29) is the latest in a long line of commentators to pontificate about the Northern Ireland situation. It would be well if his knowledge of the subject matched his self-confidence.
In estimating the likely results

of an election to an Assembly in the province, if such a device (as is generally believed) were to form part of the Prior initiative. Mr Watt produces the following "illustrative guesses", expressed in percentages of votes: DUP (Paisleyite) 31, OUP (Official Unionist) 26, SDLP (Catholic) 26, Alliance (biconfessional) 11, Sinn

By contrast with those figures, out of the top of Mr Watt's head, your readers might be interested to peruse the following percent-ages of votes cast in the last elections held in the province, the local elections of May, 1981: DUP 26.6, OUP 26.5, SDLP 17.5, Alliance 8.9, Workers' Party 1.8, other republican groups 5.3, other loyalist groups 5.2, Independents and others 8.2 (Source: S. Elliott and F. J. Smith, Northern Ireland: the District Council Elections of 1981, Queen's University Relfact 1982)

University, Beliast, 1982).
In these results the DUP/OUP together got 53 per cent, not the 57 per cent that Mr Watt would give them. This combination is sufficiently below the proposed executive "trigger" of 60 per cent to produce a manageable

result.
Mr Watt also derides those "wishful thinkers" who believe that "the Protestants in an independent Northern Ireland could be restrained from abuse of their position by remote control of a financial kind from Lon-don". Those Protestants in the Northern Ireland Assembly who collaborated with the Catholic members in the Executive of January to May, 1974, far from attempting to abuse their position, worked loyally and honourably together.

The downfall of the Executive

was largely due to external factors, Mr Heath's springing a general election in February, 1974, and the failure of the then Government of the Republic to make any move to satisfy Unionist opinion — a failure for which Dr Garret FitzGerald later publicly expressed regret. Yours etc..

CORNELIUS O'LEARY, Department of Political Science, The Queen's University of January 29.

Housing policy

From the Director of Shelter Sir. Mr M. Weale's attack on council housing (January 28) and his assertion that we should give it away to convert the nation into owner occupiers entirely misses the point of the present debate.

Firstly, Mr Weale wants to make available the financial benefits of ownership to all. But those benefits accrue because of the absurdly privileged tax position of home ownership, not just in relation to other housing tenures, but in relation to other

forms of productive investment. These privileges encourage some people to consume more housing than they need and ensure that ever larger sums are taken up on behalf of an exchange process not a productive one. Because of the need for more investment those privileges must be reduced and with them the attractions, to some extent, of home ownership. Secondly, Mr Weale's comparison is between home ownership and public renting. The real dilemma is that the tax exemptions provided for home ownership undermine any sort of

Yours faithfully. NEIL McINTOSH, National Campaign for the renting, public or private. The 157 Waterloo Road, SE1. January 29. reasons why that is undesirable is

Natural anxiety

From Councillor Norman Howard and Councillor William Bell Sir, It is no secret that representatives of the present Labour GLC administration and the previous Conservative administration at County Hall sometimes hold different opinions. However, regarding the future of the Natural History Museum we are as one.

We consider that the destrucwe consider that the destric-tion of nearly a third of this grade I listed building, with a floor area greater than that of Westminster Abbey including seven exhibition galleries, would be a gross act of vandalism. The latest proposal to place a triangular foyer next to the splendid

existing main hall, leading to new galleries set at an angle to Waterhouse's plan, seems as unnecessary as it is inappropri-

and the Government, who are planning to spend £18m on this unsympathetic scheme, will have second thoughts about Water-house's masterpiece before it is too late

NORMAN HOWARD, Chairman of the Historic County Hall, SE1.

The buyer's premium

From the Secretary of the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association Sir, The irony of Lord Westmor-land's contention (January 19)

that retention of the buyer's premium is essential to the maintenance of London's position as the centre of the art market is that only two years previous to Sotheby's and Christie's introducing the premium these same firms had been active in persuading the Treasury that the imposition of VAT on (trade) auction sales would so discourage buyers that that position would be undermined.

Why 10 per cent payable to the auctioneers should be beneficial to the maintenance of that sition but 10 per cent (as the VAT rate originally was) payable to the Revenue disastrous remains something of a mystery. It cannot be anything to do with the consequential smaller com-mission charged to vendors for Lord Westmorland accepts that buvers can discount the pre-

mium. Contrary to Lord Westmorland's view that they rarely do so, it is our belief that, at any rate as far as dealers are concerned, they almost invariably have to do so: after all they have to make a January 28.

Let us hope that the trustees

Yours faithfully, Building Panel, WILLIAM BELL, Opposition spokesman on the Historic Buildings Panel, Greater London Council,

profit on their total disbursement and not merely on the bid price. A further irony arises from the statement in your leading article of January 16 that the auctioneers have assured you "that they are not acting for buyers, merely charging them a premium". The fact remains, however, that VAT is payable on the premium on the assumption that it represents payment for a service rendered by the auctioneer to the buyer! Yours faithfully,

PHILIP BROADBRIDGE, London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association Ltd. 112 Brompton Road, SW3. January 22.

The last farewell

From Mr Nigel Rees

Sir, Your reporter (January 28) may not have been in a position to verify his references but those of us who care about such things believe that Beachcomber (J. B. Morton), not "some anonymous wit", deserves the credit for that felicitous line about "the bourne from which no Hollingsworth returns."

Yours faithfully, NIGEL REES, 86 Woodstock Road, W4.

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SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK February 1: The Queen was represented by the Lord Astor of Hever (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Cornwallis (formerly Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Kent) which was held in All Saints Church, Maidstone, today.

The Duke of Gloucester as president, East Midlands Tourist Board, will attend a presentation on "The present state of tourism in England" at the English Tourist Board, London, on February 16. In the evening His Royal Highness as president, will attend the Honorary Fellows

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I. A. Brushwood and Miss S. J. Carr

The engagement is announced between lan, only son of Mr and Mrs C. A. Brushwood, of Swindon, Wilshire, and Sally, younger daughter of the late Mr Bernard H. Carr and Mrs U. D. Carr, of Mumfords, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N. J. G. Crosthwaite and Mrs L. N. N. McAllister

The marriage has been arranged between Nicolas James Goland, younger son of Mr Ivor J. Crosthwaite, DSO, and Mrs John Sheffield, and Leslie Nelson Negley, eldest daughter of the late Mr Alfred W. Negley and of Mrs Nancy Brown Negley, of San Antonio, Texas.

Mr L H. Dennis and Dr S. M. Bower

The engagement is announced between lan, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. C. Dennis, of Altrincham, Cheshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. W. Bower, of Southers Hemselvier

Mr B. A. Joyce and Signorina F. C. Tomasella The engagement is announced between Brendan Anthony, second son of the late Captain P. A. Joyce and Mrs M. M. Joyce, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Francesca Caterina, daughter of Signor and Signora R. Tomasella, of Milan and Jesolo.

Mr D. Maynard and Miss C. Smith

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the Rev E. F. and Mrs Maynard, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. D. Smith, of Standon Friars, Standon, Hertfordshire.

Luncheons HM Government

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House given in honour of Mr Louis Tull, Attorney General and Minister of External Affairs and Culture of Barbados. Mrs S. H. Hall

Dinner of the Royal Agricultural Society of England in London. Princess Alice Duckess of Gloucester has accepted the patronage of Derby Lonsdale College.

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The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend a reception for the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust in the State Apartments, St James's Palace, on February 16.

The Duke of Kent, co-patron of the Angle-Jordanian Society, will attend the annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel on March 24.

Mrs Hastings Read gave birth to a daughter (Victoria Honeybun) on Sonday in London. Memorial Mass for Marie B. Gulbenkian will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, SW3, at 11 am on Monday, February 8.

Mr C. Davico di Quittengo and Miss S. A. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Corrado, elder son of Count and Countess Vittorio Davico di Quittengo, of Via Nemea, Rome, and Sheran, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Huw Thomas, of 17 Brunswick Gardens, London, W8.

The engagement is announced between John Charles, son of Mrs Patricia Simson, of 31A Eighth Avenue, Parktown North, Johannesburg, and of Mr Charles Simson, of Ourust Rivier, Hermanus, and Jocelyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilfred Hare of Leisure Isle, Knysna, Republic of South Africa.

Mr W. D' U. Sunnucks

The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. H. G. Sunnucks, of East Mersea Hall, East Mersea, nr Colchester, Essex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. R. A. Nevill, of Folkestone, Kent, and 5 Tite Street, London, SW3.

Mr P. A. Irby and Mrs E. M. Aschan

Marriage .

HM Government

The marriage took place in London on January 29 between Mr Paul Irby, eldest son of the Hon Anthony Irby and the late Mrs Anthony Irby, and Mrs Emma Aschan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Henderson.

The Lord Privy Seal was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardeus given in honour of Mr Hans van den Broek, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands:

Dinner

by a claim in the County Court.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing an appeal by defendants, Ealing London Borough Council, from Judge Hayman's judgment on May 29, 1981, in the Brentford County Court granting the plaintiff Medical County of the Court granting the plaintiff Medical County of the Court granting the plaintiff Medical Court granting the plaintiff Medical Court granting the plaintiff Medical Courty Granting The Policy Court Granting The Poli

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

Mr Lambert had some savings. He got a holiday let for six months in West Ealing at a rent

of £42 a week from September 1978 until March 1979.

Then he took another holiday letting for a further six months

which was extended until November 1979 Mr Lambert, who was em-ployed as a driver by a French patisserie, could not find other

accommodation so he went to the Ealing council for help: He was

told to wait until a possession order had been made against him.

A possession order was made on February 4, 1980; the Lamberts

Overseas Bankers Club The High Sheriff of Humberside The Lord Mayor, accompanied by and Mrs S. H. Hall gave a the Sheriffs, attended the annual luncheon at Guildhall, Kingston dinner of the Overseas Bankers upon Hull, yesterday to mark the Club held yesterday at Guildhall. upon Huil, yesterday to mark the visit of Mr Justice Mustill to the visit of Mr Justice Mustill to the Kingston upon Huil Crown Court. Those present included:
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Secretary, Hongkong, and Mr Kingston upon Huil. Sir Roy Marshall. Secretary, Hongkong, and Mr Kingston upon Huil. Sir Roy Marshall. Secretary, Hongkong, and Mr Kingston Mr Kingston Mr W B Heil Machman Mr J G Gordon Mr W B Heil and the Under Sheriff and the Hon Mrs Farrell. the Bank of England, were the principal guests. Many overseas bankers also attended.

Church news

Appointments

Cangu I. Gready, Canon Residentiary of Shelfield; aduit education adviser in the discress of Shelfield, director of post-ordination iraining, diocese of Shelfield, to be Vicar of Si Cuthberls. Darlinglon, diocese of Durthan The Rev A E. Harvey, Chaplain of Queens College, Oxford, diocese of Oxford, to be Canon of Westminster, diocese of London.

The Rev P R Huxham, Vicar of Si Peter, Parksione with Si Osmund, Branksea, dincese of Sallsbury, to be ream Rector in the Si Peter, Parksione with Si Osmund, Branksea, dincese of Lichfield; to be Priost-in-Charge of Westmon Trent and Milwich, same diocese.

The Rev J A P S McDougal, Rector of Tollard Royal with Farnham, Cussage Si Michael and Gussage All Saints, diocese of Sallsbury, to be also Rector of Ashmore and Chettle, same diocese.

The Rev S A Outhwallo, Rector of New Million, diocese of Wiachester, to be also Rural Dean of Christchurch Same diocese.

The Rev G S Parfill, Curate of St.

be also Rural Dean or Caristenuron, same diocese. The Rev G S Parfitt, Curate of St Johns, Fishponds, diocese of Bristot to be Vicar of St Stephens, Southmead, same diocese. The Rev H G Pearson, Toam Vicar of Tigate, in the parish of Southpate, Crawley, diocese of Chichecter, I be Vicar of Debenham with Aspall and Kenton, diocese of Si Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Birthdays today



York, Blanch, who is 64.

Mr Les Dawson, 49; Major-General R. H. Farrant, 73; Mr Norman Fowler, MP, 44; Mr Jashcha Heifetz, 81; Sir Evan Jenkins, 86; Dame Alix Meynell, 79; the Right Rev Dr J. H. L. Phillips, 72; Lord Reigate, 77; Miss Elaine Stritch, 55; Sir Alfred White, 80.

25 years ago From The Times of Thursday, January 31, 1957 The main body of No 40 Royal Marine Commando left Malta yesterday by sea for Cyprus. Army headquarters in Malta would not comment on the move.

It is obvious, however, that the

drive against Eoka, which has recently been remarkably successful, is being intensified.

During the Suez emergency,

operations against the terrorists were somewhat restricted, when the Parachute Brigade was taken

District, and the Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

before tax paid):
Beever, Miss Margaret of Beeston, Nottinghamshire......£206,149

Memorial service

Lord Cornwallis

Other estates include (net,

Latest wills

Yorkshire pair take trophy

By a Bridge Correspondent Mrs R. Oldroyd, the former European champion, playing in a new Yorkshire Parmership with Mrs S. Penfold, won the national women's pairs championship, organized by the English Bridge Union, at Birmingham, at the weekend.

off internal security duties. There are now no fewer than 14 infantry battalions and two artillery regiments on internal security duties (compared with ten units this time last year). weekend.

They went into a big lead after the first session, were still 170 points ahead after the second, and eventually won by 189 points in the face of a determined assault by Mrs A. Flood and Mrs N. Simplician the Supremental assault by Mrs A. Flood and Mrs A. N. Sinclair, the Surrey winners of the Harper Queen women's pairs event, held a month earlier. The Surrey pair came from third place to second, making up more than 100 points on the leaders in the last session. Mary Soliory Anderson, of Clifton, Bristol, left estate valued at £164,661 net, of which all but £1,000 was left equally to the National Trust, for the purchase of a farm or fell land in the Lake

Readts: 1, Mrs R Oldroyd, Mrs S Perdold (Yorkshire), 4,180; 2, Mrs A Flood, Mrs N Streteir (Surrey), 3,991; 3, Mrs S W Thorias, Mrs S Pite (Sconeraell, 3,672; 4, Mrs M Armstrong (Warwickshire), Mrs J Hobbs ((Boutester), 3,811; 5, Mrs M Malcolm, Mrs P Kissen (Scotland), 3,803; 6, Mrs C Dockwarth (London), Mrs P: A Matheson (Scotland), 3,795.

Wrenbury, Lord Pitzwalter, Lord and Lady Keyes, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, the Hon David Russell (Leeds Castle), Commander Sir John Best Shaw (Kent Naval and Military Club), Sir James and Lady Ritchie, Lieutenant General Sir Napier and the Hou Lady Crookenden, Sir Dudley Harmer, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Kent and mrs Leigh-Pemberton, Major-General J D C Graham (Kent Army Cadet Force and Kent St John Ambulance) and Mrs Graham, Colonel and Mrs E Remington-Hobbs, Major and Mrs I M Calvocoressi, Rear-Admiral and Mrs D Hall-The Queen was represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Lord Astor of Hever, who read the lesson, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Cornwallis held at, All Saints, Maidstone yesterday. Canon Peter Nayler officiated. The Bishop of Rochester gave an address and the Bishop of Maidstome propagated the Bisson. address and the Bishop of Maidstone pronounced the Blessing Among those present were: Lord and Lady Cornwallis (son and daughter-in-law), the Hon Jeremy and Mrs Cornwallis, the Hon David Cornwallis, the Hon Vanessa and the Hon Rose Cornwallis and Mr Ian McColloch Major and Mrs I M Calvocoressi, Rear-Admiral and Mrs D Hall-Thompson, His Honour Kirk Glazebrook, Wing Commander D Jackson (Air Training Corps), Mr John Wells, MP, and Mrs Wells, Mr Patrick Maynew, QC, MP, Mr Edward Moor (Chairman of Kent County Council) and Mrs Moore, Mr John Pocock (chairman, Kent Cricket Club), Mr D D Edwards (Kent University), Mr D A Kimber (Chairman of East Sussex County Council) and Mrs Kimber and representatives of many other national and local organizations. (grandchildren), Anna and Charlotte Cornwallis (great-grand-children), the Hon Mrs. H. Cecili and the Hon Mrs J. Petberick (sisters), Rear-Admiral Sir Nigel Cecil.

Marquess and Marchioness
Camden, Major-General Viscount
Monckton of Brenchley, Viscount and Viscountess Falmouth,
Lady Astor of Hever, Lord

Moreover... Miles Kington

and Miss K. B. M. Bridges

Best-seller lists perform the doubtful task of giving publicity to books that are already well known. For Conegar, Whitchurch Canonicorum. Bridges Based on the state of the Conegar, Whitchurch some time, the antiquarian book trade has been crying and Katie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. B. Bridges, of Rawdon, Heath House Road, Woking. tend to hardest to come by, and therefore the slowest moving Now, at last, we proudly bring you:-

RARE BOOKS

THE WORST-SELLING LIST Twentieth Century

- 1. How to Get the Most out of Your Dried Eggs, 1943, by Wilhemina Gottsuch, HMSO. (Slight yellow stains).
- 2. The Wonderful World of French Impressionism, 1954, printed in Romania with three plates in black and white, and text by the Central Committee of Culture. Published at 5/-, but unlikely to reach that
- 3. The Peerless Mangle: An Instruction Booklet, 1936, anonymous. One of the rarest of all manuals in the still undeveloped field of instruction book-

- A Leisurely Walk through Brentwood, by Edith and Emily Fairfax, 1956, in the "Beauties of Essex" series. (This is the only volume known in the series, despite the pub-lishers' announcement of The Billericay Nobody Knows.)
- 6. Anglo-German Cultural Exchanges, 1939, A Full Projected List.
- A Hungarian-Esperanto
 Dictionary, Vol 1 (Esperanto-Hungarian A-M),
 1961, Budapest and Zurich. Marginal notes in (?) Swedish.
- Enid Blyton's Famous
 Five: A Marxian Analy'sis, 1956, by Professor
 Itol Sussmayr, Centre for
 Literary Studies, Albania, Inscribed "Love to Daisy, from Mummy and Daddy, on her twelfth birthday". 9. The Collected Poetical Works of Amy Tranter, 1927, privately printed.
- Dirigible Pilot? 1928, by Captain O'Shaughnessy of the Irish Air Force.
- Pre-1900 1. The Complete Waverley Novels, Sir Walter Scott

- (only 39 volumes missing). The Perfect Housekeeper, by A Lady who Has Some Experience, 1896.
- The Works of Alexander Pope, 1763, Vol 14, being "Works by Other Hands, but Printed under Mr Pope's Name Mistakenly or Otherwise". A Map of London, 1880.
- Westminster and Knightsbridge missing.
 5. De Natura Sciaticae, 1781, by A Doctor: a work in Latin on bone ailments and their current treat-ments, all of which are
- disproved by the author. Who's Who, 1168, containing only two entries: a long favourable one on Henry II, and a much shorter, less favourable one on Thomas a Becket. The Charge of the Fire Brigade, 1867, a long comic poem printed in admiration of Lord Ten-
- The Transactions of the
- Historical Society of Buenos Aires, 1897, Vol VIII, No 23.

 9. An Account of a Walking if a faithful and popular Short by the Death of the Author's Mother, 1863,
- by a Gentleman. Why Man Will Never Fly: God's Will Explained, 1881, by the Very Rev Anstruther Willesden.

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but allowed him to remain in bed and breakfast accommodation. The judge thought that the case was covered by Youngs v Thonet District Council ((1980) 78

LGR 474) and gave judgment for Mr. Lambert. The council ap-

MLR 942)
Mr Bano relied on a strict construction of section 17 as in Islam. He said that the court should look at the last of the two holiday lettings, that Mr Lambert had been in such lettings for over 12 months and that quite unintentionally he was now homeless.

But the statute was so confused that it was not right to take it literally. In De Falco v Crawley Borough Council ([1980] QB 460) the court said that the position when the family had left litaly had to be looked at. The principle of De Falco was upheld and not impugned by what was said in the two cases in the

said in the two cases in the House of Lords. It was said that Doson v Kerrier District Council

(1980) 1 WLR 1205) should be

The case raised the question of

Court of Appeal

Police duty of care in hot pursuit

Marshall v Osmond and | Judgment delivered January 29| Another The decision whether a home

Before Mr Justice Milmo [Judgment delivered February 1]

A police officer driving a motor vehicle in hot pursuit of a person he rightly suspected of having committed an arrestable offence did not owe that person the same duty of care which he owed to a lawful and innocent user of the highways going about his lawful occasions, his Lord-skip held in the Queen's Bench Division. Mr Charles Gabb for the plaintiff; Mr Richard Dening for

1981, in the Brentford County Court granting the plaintiff, Mr Rene Lambert, of Goldsmiths Avenue, Ealing, a declaration that the defendants were and had since April 14, 1980, been subject to the duty to rehouse the plaintiff set out in section 4(5) of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977. MR JUSTICE MILMO said that the plaintiff was claiming damages for negligence against the first defendant, the Chief Constable of the Hampshire police and the second defendant, Mr Patrick Clarkson for the local authority, Mr Andrew Bano for the plaintiff. in the course of his duty.

The plaintiff was willingly being carried in a car he knew to have been taken without the consent of its owner; was fully aware of the fact that the police car was in hot pursun; and he sustained injuries while endeaversing to escape and avoid arrest. The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was another case showing the impact of joining the EEC with the provisions for the movement of peoples. A family had come from France and claimed the benefit of the 1977 Act from the local authority. They would contribute much to our society. sustained injuries while concav-ouring to escape and avoid arrest, being hit by the police car or by the other vehicle after it had been hit by the police car. The whole incident took place in a

In the summer of 1978 Mr
Lambert, a widower who could
not speak English, sold his
business as a bookseller in
Grenoble and came with his three It would be a sorry state of affairs if the police involved in the pursuit of criminals they were endeavouring to arrest were held to owe the same duty of care to them as they owed to ordinary law-abiding users of the highway. In such circumstances the police Grenoble and came with his three daughters, then aged 19, 16 and 13, to England with a caravan. He said that his daughters would be better educated here: the eldest was now at Queen Mary's College and the other two at the Lycee Francas. officer did not owe the same duty

He must not deliberately injure such a person unless it was reasonably necessary to do so in order to arrest him, but his actions must not be judged by standards which would be applicable if the situation were such that the officer had time to consider all possible alternatives and courses of action that he could have taken in order to discharge his duty successfully. Applying those principles to the facts of the case the claim in negligence would fail.

Solicitors: Blatch & Co., Southampton; Mr R. A. Leyland, Winchester.

Challenging council's homeless decision

Lambert v Ealing London
Borough Council
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice May

were evicted on April 14, 1980, cause of his homelessness. Mr
Lambert temporary accommodation by the Ealing the Rolls, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice May

were evicted on April 14, 1980, cause of his homelessness. Mr
Lambert and his daughters had in no sense acquired "settled" accommodation to enable them to escape the original cause of their homelessness: see per Lord homelessness: see per Lord Wilberforce in Din at p 924F-G. Such cases should be reviewed by judicial review in the High Court and not by claims, including claims for damages, in the county court.

By a letter of May 9, 1980, the council told Mr Lambert that the council told Mr Lambert that the authority were satisfied that (i) he was tomeless or threatened therewith; (ii) he had a priority need and (iii) that he became homeless or threatened therewith; (ii) he had a priority need and (iii) that he became homeless or threatened therewith; (iii) he had a priority need and (iii) that he became homeless or threatened therewith; (iii) he had a priority need and (iii) that he became homeless or threatened therewith; (iii) he had a priority need and (iii) that he became homeless or threatened the finding of intentional homeless was that when Mr Lambert left France he had rendered himself intentionally. The decision in those cases was entrusted by Parliament to local authorities who had a difficult task to hold the balance between competing claims. Their de-cisions should be looked at benevolently and be reviewed only by the High Court. Mr Lambert claimed in the county court that, inter alia, the Ealing council, the housing authority, were under a duty to provide him with accommodation. The council disputed that, but allowed him to remain in hed

His Lordship doubted whether Youngs v Thanet was rightly decided. The appeal should be

LORD JUSTICE KERR, agreeing, said that the court should follow the ratio and decision in Dyson v Kerrier. The local authority were entitled to conclude that Mr Lambert's homelessness in 1980 was caused by his becoming intentionally home. e the impact of the decisions of the of House of Lords in Din v Wandsworth London Borough Council (The Times, November 27, 1981; 1981) 3 WLR 918) and R v Hillingdon London Borough Council, Ex parte Islam (The Times, November 20, 1981; [1981] 3 WLR 942) his becoming intentionally home-less in France and failure to secure accommodation here.

When insurers seek to avoid liability

CTI International Inc and Another v The Oceanus Mutual Underwriting Association (Bermuda) Ltd

Where underwriters sought to avoid a contract of marine insurance by relying on section 18 of the Marine insurance Act 1906 which requires the disclos-ure of every circumstance that would influence the judgment of a prudent insurer insurers must normally show that the result would have been affected in the sense that the prudent insurer would have declined the risk or (1980) 1 WLR 1205) should be distinguished.

Lord Lowry in Din case had thrown doubt (at p934) on Dyson, but Lord Wilberforce and Lord Fraser of Tullybelton had agreed with Dyson. On the state of the authorities Dyson's case was good law and should be followed.

One had to look back at the position when Mr Lambert sold up and left France and so became intentionally homeless. prudent insurer would have been affected, if he would in fact have charged the same premium, unless he explained why; and it up and left France and so became intentionally homeless.

That intentional homelessness when he left France remained the affected.

LORD JUSTICE MAY, also agreeing, said that there was no warrant to read into the 1967 Act anything that was not there. There was nothing in the Act to ally was the same accommodation as gave rise to the homelessness under section 1. Because of the "in consequence of" in section 17 (1) the local authority could find that an applicant had left secure accommodation.

223,229). Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr N. L. Green, Ealing; Douglas Mann & Co.

Offences under criminal injuries scheme

Regina v Criminal Injury Compensation Board, Ex parte

Penny
An "offence" which rendered the victim eligible for compensation under paragraph 5 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (1964 revised 1969) had to be an offence pumishable by the criminal law and not an offence against the Prison Rules (1964 5I 383), Mr Justice Hodgson held in the Queen's Bench Division on January 25.
HIS LORDSHIP said that Mr Penny, a prison officer, injured his back when assisting in the removal of a prisoner who had refused a lawful request to go from one part of the prison to result of moving the prisoner, after a criminal offence, the

suggest that the accommodation that a person ceased to occupy so as to become homeless intention-

It then became a question of fact whether the act or failure to

fact whether the act or failure to do anything enured through and became the cause of the ultimate homelessness under section 1 in respect of which application was made to the local authority.

It was desirable that applicants should go by way of judicial review because in the county court it was easy to go into the facts instead of asking whether the authority were justified in coming to their decision applying the Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation test ([1948] 1KB 223,279).

would have declined the risk of his back when assisting in the increased the premium. Mr removal of a prisoner who had Justice Lloyd held in the refused a lawful request to go commercial court of the Queen's from one part of the prison to Bench Division on January 22. It would not normally be enough to show that the mind of the prisoner and not from any transfer increase would have been visioner and not from any visioner and not from any visioner and not from any Laboratory of Physiology, but thanks to a munificent prisoner and not from any violent resistance. Furthermore, although the injury occurred as a injury was not directly attributable to that offence, nor to its prevention, nor was an arrest taking place.

Peter Ritchie-Calder was 1927, and the Daily Herald in 1931. He had learned the craft of reporting before he was sent, as a routine task, to

and spoke constantly on

America. He had an excellent reputation for his under-

international law.

hese subjects.

was sent, as a rounne task, to cover a science story. He found it unexpectedly fascinating, and it aroused his interest in science.

Having direct knowledge of the neverty manual control of the poverty, unemployment and disease after the First World War, he found his social and scientific sympathies expressed in the famous work of John Boydservices.
In 1946 he returned to journalism as Science Editor Orr on the malnutrition of the people. The two Scots-men understood each other perfectly, and Ritchie-Calder became Boyd-Orr's informal

spokesman in journalism.
The economic depression of the 1920-30s was ac-meaning and significance. companied by a brilliant His concern with the social development of science, typi-relations of science assocified by the discoveries of vitamins and the disintegration of atoms by machin-ery. This inspired a hope that science might help to solve the contemporary social problems. The idea was eagerly discussed in the

SIR JOHN FOSTER

to begin somewhere", was quickness of his perceptions his reply to a friend's and the uncontrolled agility surprised congratulations on of his intellect: when "on his feet" Sir John Galway Foster, KBE, QC, who died yesterday in a London hospital, was successful lawyer who for many years (1945-1974) sat as a Conservative member of Parliament for Northwich in Cheshire. He was a popular figure in the Temple, in the House of Commons, and in society in London, Paris and

standing of the niceties of The son of General Hubert John Foster, he was born in 1904. He showed brilliant intellectual promise as a scholar of Eton and of New College, Oxford, and in 1924 he won a Prize Fellowship at All Souls; on being called to the Bar in 1927 by the Inner Temple he was elected to a

Foster soon established a flourishing Common Law practice, and in 1936 he became Recorder of Dudley. His legal career was inter-rupted by the war; in 1939 he

fulfilled, either at the Bar or dark, handsome, with an in the House, the expectage, open, manner, an tations of those who knew equable temper, and a fund the depth and range of his of anecdotes. His worldly American Legion of Merit; he abilities — he seemed cut out charm disguised, but did not was later attached to SHAEF to be a Law Officer and a conceal, a warm heart and a as Legal Adviser, with the cabinet Minister — that may generous nature. He was rank of Brigadier ("One has well have been due to the unmarried.

and Second General Conferences of Unesco in 1947 and 1948. These services were followed by many others for the United Nations. His understanding both of ence and the technique of publicity enabled him to give the Organization valuable eip. In 1961 the University of Edinburgh had the vision to appoint him, a non graduate to its Montagu Burton Chair of International Relations He gave student audiences

other lands. ment. In 1937 he was elected a member of the committee for forming the British Association's new division for the Social and Inter-

born at Forfar on July 1 for the Social and Inter1906. He was educated at national Relations of Science,
Forfar Academy, and became are not the national Relations of Science,
and thenceforth became very a reporter at Dundee in 1922. active in the association's affairs.

He joined the Daily Newyd in At the same time as an At the same time, as an energetic member of the Labour Party, he joined with others in drawing its attention to science. This was one of the factors which led ultimately to the creation of

the Ministry of Technology.
During the Second World
War he was appointed
Director of Plans in the
Political Warfare Executive
of the Foreign Office. He was
appointed CBE for these

of the News Chronicle. Besides reporting science, he stimulated young people's interest in it by lecturing to tens of thousands on its relations of science associated him with the United Nations scientific organizations. Boyd-Orr was the first Director-General of FAO, and in 1946 he called Ritchie-Calder to Washington as a special adviser. He was a member of the United King-

his military rank), winning feet", in Court or in Com-the Legion of Honour and mittee, he did not slow down

Foster held a junior minis- in advising, he was shrewl terial post in the Common- and resourceful, never misswealth Relations Office, and ing a point or failing to from 1938 to 1951 and from understand a problem and 1956 to 1964 he was Recorder never at a loss for a solution. of Oxford. On his ceasing to or Oxford. On his ceasing to with no great taste too be Recorder in 1964 he was literature or the arts, Foster made KBE.

was a genuine Renthamite Among his many public Utilitarian who believed in

argued report on the inquiry into Scientology which he was appointed to hold by the Government in 1971. In 1976 public causes without creahe appeared for Mr Geoffrey ting resentment on the part Russell before the House of of his opponents. Lords Committee of Privileges. The committee decided man of the world, equally at that Mr Russell was the home in London, in Paris, rightful heir to the barony of and in New York (in each of

was appointed to the British Embassy in Washington, where his services as First Secretary won him the American Legion of Merit; he

Sir Rudolph Peters MC, nature and mode of action of FRS, FRCP, whose work as a biochemist at Oxford and next 12 years he published, in Cambridge spanned more collaboration with his pupils, than 50 years, has died at a long series of papers on these problems. Although in these problems although in the final elucidation of the born in 1889, son of Dr A. E.

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period he became associated peters had served his with the group of workers under Dr Joseph Barcroft in the Cambridge Physiology influence of W. H. Hardy and Laboratory, and his work bore fruit in an important paper on the relation between from its early development as the iron content and oxygen an offshoot of physiology to capacity of haemoglobin. assume the status of an From 1913 to 1915 he independent science. The From 1913 to 1915 he independent science. The worked at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, obtaining his medical degree in 1915 when he was commissioned in the R.A.M.C. During the First World War he served with distinction in France, and with the Chemical Warfare Unit at Porton, was awarded the M.C. and bar, and mentioned in despatches.

Returning to Cambridge in 1919, he was elected into a Fellowship at his old college where he combined the golden age of biochemistry,

Fellowship at his old college him to be the dawn of the where he combined the golden age of biochemistry, duties of Tutor with a Dunn and he established personal Lectureship and Senior Demonstratorship in Hop-kins' Laboratory. In 1923 he accepted an invitation to vivid lecturer and had a gift succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience founded Whitley Chair of his own acute historical Biochemistry at Oxford, sense and his enthusiasm for made vacant by the death of his subject. He had an astonishing guidence of the subject of the had an astonishing guidence of the had a gift succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the had a gift succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the had a gift succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the recently for imparting to his audience the historical succeed to the histor Benjamin Moore. astonishing quickness of His laboratory at first mind, and if he was some-consisted of no more than times impatient of detail, he three rooms loaned from the was able to assess essentials

with elements. On his retirement from the Whitley Chair at Oxford in 1954 he returned to Cambenefaction from the Rockefeller Foundation, he was able to apply himself with bridge and established a biochemical laboratory in the enthusiam to the task of designing a spacious new department, and the the establishment of an active Institute of Animal Physi-

gation into the nature of the biochemical lesion arising from the action of organic fluroine compounds, a problem around which he elabor-ated the theme of his Croonian Lecture in 1952.

compounds containing car-bon-fluorine linkages, this work being supported by grants from the Wellcome Trust and the Shell Oil Сотрапу.

Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1935, and was on its council from 1944 to 1946. He served on the Agricul-tural Research Council and on the Medical Research Council and on the Medical Research Council and was for many years Chairman of its Accessory Food Factors Committee. He was a member of the committee of the Biochemical Society as well as of a number of other scientific a number of other scientific bodies and Government advis-

on him in 1952, was a deserved recognition of his many services to the cause of science. He was awarded the Royal Medal of the Royal Society in 1949, and received honorary degrees from numerous universities in Britain and abroad.

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Ritchie Calder consistently promoted his political opinions. He belonged to that section of the Labour move ment passionately devoted to peace. He became a leader of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and president of the British Peace Council He was created a life peer in 1966. In 1969 he was appointed first chairman of the Metrication Board, to carry out the adoption of the metric system, and the standardization which it implied He held the post until 1972

dom Delegations to the Fire

Ritchie-Calder published more than a score of books. more than a score of books, mainly expositions of the significance of advances in science, medicine and agriculture. They were written in the phraseology evolved by journalists to secure the attention of readers, but he never violated the spirit and never violated the spirit and facts of science. Ritchie-Calder belonged to

the Scottish radical tradition He had the same kind of merit as Brougham, Playfair and Boyd-Orr, and was open to the same sort of criticism. He went as far as a reformer could go without becoming a revolutionary. He received honorary degrees and other awards for his work and was much in demand as a speak-In 1927 he married Mabel

Jane Forbes McKail. They had three sons and two daughters. Their eldest son. Nigel, is the well-known science writer.

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SIR RUDOLPH PETERS

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After five years at Bahra-ham, Sir Rudolph as he had now become, was invited to join the University Depar-ment of Biochemistry, which he had left 36 years previously, as a Senior Visiting Fellow. He continued to work for the next 17 years on the biochemical properties of

It was only at the end of 1976 that Sir Rudolph, then aged 87, had reluctantly to abandon experimental work. He was elected to a

ory committees. His knighthood, conferred

Peters was a gifted violinist, and found time to serve on the Faculty Board of Music at Oxford. He was largely responsible for secur-

He will be remembered as a establishment of an active ology at Babraham under the man of warm sympathies and school of research.

It was at this period that he Research Council. Here he became interested in the continued actively his investi- and they had two sons.

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general that his achievement gained handsome recog-nition. He felt strongly about cles. Ritchie-Calder had a nuclear weapons, pollution prominent part in this move-and world poverty and wrote ment. In 1937 he was elected

OBITUARY

LORD RITCHIE-CALDER

Role in the dissemination of scientific knowledge

Lord Ritchie-Calder, CBE who died on January 31 at the age of 75, had a unique career, starting as a policecourt reporter at the age of 15, becoming a noted science writer, then professor of international relations, and latterly a life peer. The core of his achievements was a combination of mastery of the technique of writing for the large-circulation press with an earnest and intelligent interest in science. No other British journalist approached him in command of this difficult combination, for the spirit of one side of it was the antithesis of the other. It was a great encouragement to science writing in

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Fisons

sells off

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By Rupert Morris

Fison's is selling its agri-cultural fertilizer business to Norsk-Hydro, of Norway, for £50m, subject to the approval of both boards and share-holders, the company an-nounced yesterday. Its fertilizer business may have made Fisons an inter-

lts fertilizer business may have made Fisons an international name, but for the past two years it has also been losing the company money. The division lost £1.1m before tax on a turnover of £1.94m in 1980.

News of the sale sent isons' shares up 30p 40

210p, and company sources were confident that the proceeds would enable Fisons to wipe out many of

its financial commitments, and concentrate on the main

growth, sectors of its busi-ness, headed by drugs.

Fisons' fertilizer division, based in Felixstowe, Suffolk,

with plants at Immingham

and Avonmouth, has about 25 per cent of the United Kingdom compound fertilizer

market, and 15 per cent of nitrogen fertilizers. ICI, which claims about 50

per cent of the United Kingdom fertilizer market

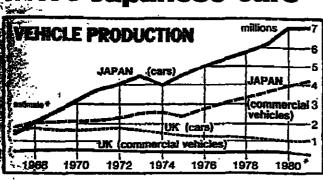
Mr John Kerridge, of Fisons, chief executive said: "The fertilizer business will

be in good hands as Norsk-

Hydro has a strong commitment to agricultural

fertilizers. "Norsk-Hydro will also be

More Japanese cars



Japan's 11 car makers say production targets for 1982 will boost output by 4.6 per cent to 11.69 million cars and commercial vehicles, more than half of them for export. Due to voluntary export restraint to the United States and European Community countries, exports are expected to be 6.11 million vehicles, only a 1:3 per cent increase on 1981s total.

Talbot call for subsidy

Talbot Cars in Coventry has asked the Government for asubsidy to save the jobs of the 1,900 workers at its engine-building plant. The workers have been laid off for the last six weeks because of troubles in Iran which hit Talbot's work on a valuable contract. They have now been given nominal 90-day redundancy notices which will be withdrawn if Government funds are made

Meanwhile another 1,500 workers at the company's Ryton assembly plant returned today after being laid off for a fortnight.

Timex ticks for \$125m

Timex Corporation, which manufactures the Nimslo 3-Timex Corporation, which manufactures the Nimslo 3-D camera at its plant in Dundee, has agreed to buy 800,000 of the cameras worth \$125m in return for distribution rights in the United States over the next two years. Timex will also take over all warranty obligations for the cameras in the United States, marketing, advertising and promotion of the camera will remain in the hands of Mr Corvin Cianci, Nimslo's executive vice president in charge of worldwide marketing, who was formerly responsible for Polaroid's marketing programme. Shares of Nimslo International on the Unlisted Securities Market rose 7p to 150p on news of the deal. The Nimslo camera has been the subject of concern following the disclosure last November the Dr Jerry Nims, one of the compan's joint founders, had disposed of his personal shareholding in

Marry for money More spent

Young married couples are being offered a year's free banking, personal loans at reduced rates, free mortgage valuations, commission-free foreign currency and travel-lers cheques for the honey-moen, a discount on a subscription to the British United Provident Association and advice on insurance and making a will in the latest drive by Barclay's Bank to attract new busi-

Food advertisers increased their spending on television and in the consumer press by almost a third in 1981 to £309.9m according to figures compiled by Media Expendi-ture and Analysis, the re-search company. Financial advertising increased by 44 per cent to £132.3m. The MEAL list of top

advertising agencies was headed by J. Walter Thom-pson, followed by Saatchi & Saatchi Garland-Compton,

MARKET SUMMARY

Profit takers move in

FT Index 572.0, down 7.8 FT Gifts 64.65, down 0.50
FT All Share 327.83, down Bargains 20,899

All eyes remained fixed on Wall Street yesterday with the London market dismayed at the latest set of United States money supply

This appears to have ended. for the time being, last week's optimism about a Wall Street revival and has left economists undecided about which way

So equities decided to play it safe, and with two weeks of the account left to run, profit takers were abundant. The FT Index, which last week appeared set to break its all-time high, closed 7.8 down at 572.0.

Gilts also had their fair share of sellers with prices losing as much as £1 in longs and £1/2 in shorts as the pound came under renewed selling pressure.

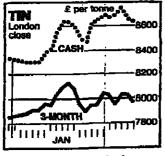
renewed selling pressure.

An early teature was Fisons, a speculative stock which announced the sale of its tosamaking tertilizer subsidiary for £50m. This produced an immediate flurry of takeover gossip, which lifted the price 38p to 218p. The German chemical group Bayer has long been tipped as a likely candidate.

Elsewhere, ICI, down 12p at 330p, was paying £13m for Arthur Holden, the laquer and paint group. Holden, the subject of a dawn raid earlier this month by International Paint, which netted 12 per cent of the shares rose 24p to 168p.

COMMODITIES

The Tokyo Gold Exchange, scheduled to open on March 23. expected to trade 240 tonnes gold annually in futures its preparatory



 Dealing in tin yesterday was dominated by cash selling, which stabilized the price at around £8,600 a tonne. The market closed at £8,597. Forward trading, by contrast, was slow the market influenced by the continued presence of heavy cash buyers and the availability of physical tin. The three months standard price ended the day at 27,995 a tonne, slightly reducing the backwardation. Traders were willing to "lend" metal, so carries were an important part of

TODAY

UK official reserves. CBI monthly trends. Capital issues and redemp-

LONDON EXCHANGE today, was also on the acquisition trail, paying £7m for \$t Regis newspapers. The shares rose 8p

18 of 125 a she from the Hays Group, formerly Proprietors of Hays Wharf and now controlled by the Kuwait Raddinaton Braun

unchanged at 150p as the board published its offer document on its proposed merger with Oldham Breweies. The board is also forecasting pretax profits of £6.2m for 1981, against £5.3m last time and intends to recommend a final dividend of 2.35p The footwear industry has been

heartened by the recent strength in shares of Ward White, up a further 5p to 66p yesterday. Brokers Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee are thought to be publishing a bullish circular on the tootwear industry while Grieveson Grant have been recommending the nave been recommending the shares since they stood at 46p a few weeks ago. George Oliver, which best Ward to the post in the recent battle for Hiltons Footwear, was also in demand, with the "A" shares up 28p at

128p. W Tyzack, Sons & Tumer rose 6p to 46p as Bacho announced it now holds 25.6 per centt of the

mood yesterday. GEC fell 12p to 837p with a line of 100,000 Racal slipped 5p to 388p as more than 250,000 shares went through the market Equity turnover on January 29 was £190,951m (18,029 bar-Michael Clark

OTHER EXCHANGES

Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 1,416.02, down 1.40 Singapore: 661.47, up 4.10

CURRENCIES

The dollar was strong on the back of higher US interest rates

LONDON CLOSE STERLING \$1.8615 down 1. 95 cents Index 91.8 up 0.2 DM 4:3775 Fr.F 11.12 Yen 433

DOLLAR Index 110.9 up DM 2.3448 up 443 pts GOLD \$379 up \$4.75

MOREY MARKETS

● The Bank bought £535m of bills in response to a £500m shortage, lowering its dealing rate to 13% per cent in Bands 3 and

Domestic Rates: Base rates 14% 3-month interbank 14%-14%. **Euro-Currency Rates:** 3 month DM 15%-15%.

3 month Fr.F. 10%-10%.

Unions sound warning on gas prices

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

plans to end the British Gas Corporation's monopoly powers of purchase over North Sea gas, leading trade unionists claimed yesterday. The warning was given after a 90-minute meeting at the Energy Department at which members of the TUC's fuel and power industries

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fuel and power industries committee told Mr Nigel Lawson, Energy Secretary, of their "root and branch" opposition to the Government's North Sea privatization Bill, being considered by Parliament. The Bill is designed to pave

the way for the sale of shares in the British National Oil Corporation later this year, as well as the ending of British Gas' monopoly pur-chase powers and the sale of its interests in several North

Sea oil fields.

Mr John Edmonds,
national officer for the
General and Municipal Workers Union, said allowing oil companies to sell North Sea gas direct to industrial customers was likely to lead to

tomers was likely to lead to
"a massive increase" in
industry's fuel bills.

Prices could rise from
their present levels of
between 25p and 30p a therm
to between 40p and 50p a
therm over the next few
years. There would probably
be a knock-on effect on
domestic gas prices too. it domestic gas prices too, it was claimed.

Mr John Lyons, national organizer of the Association of Scientific, Technical and managerial Staffs, said it was inconceivable that companies such as Shell, Esso and

Moran man

Lloyd's case

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Mr Reid Wilson, the Lloyd's underwriter whom the ruling committee is trying to expel from member-

ship of the insurance market, is now trying to force Lloyd's to put his case to a vote of

members as soon as possible.

nected with the Christopher Moran Group, was found guilty of "acts and defaults discreditable to him as an underwriter" by arbitrators

under the insurance market's

disciplinary procedures. To expel him Lloyd's needs a

four-fifths vote in favour of

expulsion at a special meet-ing called under Section 20 of

the 1871 Lloyd's Act, but the ruling committee has said it

until after the outcome of Mr

Christopher Moran's arbi-

tration case, due to start on July 12, is known.

Mr Wilson, who says he has not worked since last June, has sent Lloyd's a

etter requisitioning an extra

ordinary meeting with 27 signatories including 17 in-

ternal and 10 external Lloyd's names. Under the by-

laws any member can requi-

There is a growing feeling in the City that Mr Robert Holmes a Court may have lost the initiative in his bid to

take over Associated Com-munications Corporation.

After setting-up a considered and seemingly bullet-proof offer he may be prepared to listen to an arrangement on the sale of his 2.2 per cent of the votes

and the 51 per cent of the ACC non-voters. He had already said the shares were not for sale, but added that it

would be silly to add: "not at

His arch-rival, Mr Gerald

Ronson, of Heron, had once again blocked a quick victory

for The Australian finan-

cier's £36m takeover bid for

ACC by lodging an appeal in

the High Court yesterday. His Heron Corporation is

attempting to overturn a

decision last week by Mr

Justice Vinelott which said

the ACC directors did not breach the company's Articles of Association or

their fiducairy duty by effec-

tively agreeing a shut out offer from the Australian

financier. It is believed that Heron

has lodged the appeal, likely

could start this week, with

reluctance. Mr Justice Vinelott's rul-

ing produced a chink in the

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to take two or three days and

any price".

to delay this meeting

Mr Wilson formerly con-

presses

Gas prices to industry British Petroleum would could rise by 60 per cent as a result of the Government's ending of the monopoly plans to end the British Gas simply in order to achieve lower gas prices.

Mr Lawson, however, told the union delegation that he expected gas prices to fall rather than rise, as a result of introducing competition into the North Sea gas market. He said that there was no intention of allowing North Sea gas to be exported, and the Government had powers to prevent this

happening.
The TUC leaders denounced all the main features of the North Sea Bill, which is now in committee stage in the House of Commons. They said it had no "no logic on energy grounds".

They also attacked the privatization of BNOC, which 'said they could lessen the public's control of North Sea oil. Ending the gas monopoly could also hit sales of electricity and coal. The Chemical Industries

Association, one of the leading campaigners for the ending of the British Gas' monopoly purchase powers, last night also criticized the union leaders' claim that industrial gas would rise. The unions based their argument on claims by lead-

ing oil companies that they would need between 25p and 30p a therm for North Sea gas to justify exploiting new and so far undeveloped gas fields in the northern part of the North Sea. The highest price British Gas has so far offered any United Kingdom North Sea producer is around 17p a therm.

Development cash call

Bank hopes to raise at least \$700m (£375m) this year, mainly on the bond market,

sition an extraordinary meetsing with 16 signatures.

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Mr Masae Fujioka, its president (above), said yesterday.
The Asian Development
also looking for \$4,100m
The bank is owned by 44members and outstanding
during the four years from loans total \$10,000m.

Ronson appeal in ACC takeover battle

Holmes à Court losing initiative

Holmes a'Court:

Ready for offer?

It means the ACC voting

shareholders — the bulk of

which are directors — must

convene a special meeting to

formally approve the deal.

But there is still a question

of who holds the voting rights to the 63 per cent voting shares held by the

Lord Grade has agreed to

sell his 27 per cent stake to by which Mr Holmes Mr Holmes a Court, but a Court's formal offer docu-

although the sale has been ment should have been sent

the Australian to shareholders.

board

The Asian Development 1983. Mr Fujioka said he

would like to mobilize more

cannot register them without

IBA approval. The remainder

have been promised to the Holmes a Court bid, and are his once the offer becomes unconditional.

In the High Court last week, he hinted that he would release the ACC direc-

tors from their irrevocable undertakings under certain circumstances. It was a

carefully worded statement but left most in doubt as to

Mr Holmes a'Court has now left ACC's Marble Arch

head office. In charge is one

of his close aids, Mr Bert Reuter. Mr Holmes a Court,

the new chairman and chief executive of ACC who is also

fighting a takeover battle in Australia, departed suddenly on Friday. His office aid he is

due to return a week on

That is the day the Post Office pension fund are due

to return to court for the full

hearing of its opposition to

the £750,000 golden hand-

shake package proposed to Lord Grade's former right

His return date is also on

the eve of a special share-

holders meeting, already adjourned twice, to vote on Mr Gill's payoff.

That is also the time

around which, under the

takeover rules, the deadline which Mr

hand man, Mr Jack Gill.

might be.

the circumstances

Support costs oil companies £500m

Petrol prices tumble

Although the petrol price war is now costing the petrol makers almost £10m a week in various financial support measures to petrol retailers, forecourt prices in some parts of the country are expected to slide further.

Few petrol stations outside rural areas are now charging more than £1.60 a gallon for four-star and prices in many areas are drifting nearer to £1.50.

The number of towns and cities with prices below £1.50 is growing, led by traditionally competitive locations ally competitive locations such as Manchester, the Leeds-Bradford-Sheffield area, Walsall and various parts of Kent including Canterbury.

There are signs that prices in Bristol will drop below £1.50 a gallon soon. London prices vary between £1.50 and £1.60 a gallon. At Norwich-based Mann Egerton, which has a chain

Egerton, which has a chain of outlets mainly in the Norfolk area, Mr Jamie Campbell, forecourts general manager, said prices seemed to drop virtually every other day in the latter half of January.

Prices vary widely in various parts of the country mainly because of the tempo of local competition. A big influence in Bristol, for example, is the low-pricing policy of the Carrefour hypermarket on the motorway network just outside the

city.
A potent factor in Manchester area and on Merseyside is the price-cutting of Telegraph Service Stations, the second biggest national chain of independent petrol retail outlets. But at present any price below £1.70 a gallon rep-

resents mostly support from the big oil companies.

Some companies offer several factors. There is an MAA to temporary wholesale price excess of refinery capacity in business.



reductions while others Britain. Petrol sales are guarantee a minimum margin to retailers. The various forms of support are now costing the companies the equivalent of £500m a year, according to the Motor Agents Association, the trade body for petrol retailers.

National), each with about 20 per cent market share, could be facing support bills of up to £2m a week.

Petrol prices, which had

down, with the hard winter intensifying the slide, forcing the companies to compete hard even to hold their share of the shrinking market.

of the shrinking market.

The oil companies also have a buying advantage with sterling stronger against the United States dollar in which

in October.

Behind the price war are several factors. There is an MAA to be driven out of

which is worth in total between £700m and £800m Nobody in the industry United States dollar in which seriously quarrels with this estimate which means that Esso, Shell and BP (including The big oil companies see made public comment but was understood not to expect any big change in the industry.

Norsk-Hydro has promised to retain all 2,800 fertilizer The big oil companies see the role of the spot market in Rotterdam, source of supply for the smaller independent retailers via some 25 wholedivision employees, and to honour all contracts.

alers, as a key factor in then been rising to £1.70 and above, started to ease as long ago as last September. Support from the first of the petrol market, according to large manufacturers started the MAA.

US rules out drop in interest rates The United States will not

act to lower its interest rates to alleviate world unemploy-ment Mr William Brock, the United States trade represen-tative, said in Davos, Switzerland, yesterday.

rates and their effect on other nations' economics were discussed during the weekend at an informal European management symposium of industry and economy ministers from 20 "But we cannot and shall

not reflate," Mr. Brock told newsmen, adding that to do so would lead to a resurgence of the inflation. United States

Last Friday, Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and M Pierre Mauroy, the French Prime Minister, appealed to the United States to lower interest rates, indicating there was a link between them and unemployment in the Western world.

Mr Brock urged the West to restrain the transfer of technology to the Soviet Union and reconsider whether large credits should strong gair be granted to Eastern currencies. Europe. He said that West The dolla European countries should have looked at alternatives such as coal imports from the United States before going ahead with contracts for the supply of gas from the Soviet Union.

Sales of high technology to the Soviet Union had served to increase its military capability, nullifying increased Western spending on de-fence, he said. Restraint in this area

would be more effective as a means of pressure in response to martial law in than a ban on the States exports of grain to the Soviet Union, he The Reagan Administ per cen ration has been criticised in trading.



Brock: America cannot and will not reflate

Europe for failing to halt grain shipments while pres-sing Europeans to refrain from agreements which would make them dependent on Soviet gas for their energy needs.
Mr Brick's comments, indi-

cating that America will continue to give priority to its domestic goals, gave

The dollar raced ahead on foreign exchange markets yesterday as speculation mounted that the Federal Reserve may allow United States interest rates to rise in response to the recent high evel of monetary growth, John Whitmore writes.

further support on foreign exchange markets yesterday to the dollar, which made strong gains against major

The United States currency moved above DM2.35 briefly before closing 4.43 pfennigs higher in London at DM2.3448. Sterling held uprather better than most currencies, finishing 1.95 cents lower at \$1.8615. Its trade weighted index against a basket of currencies closed 0.2 higher at 91.8. 1.95 Eurodollar interest rates

were generally at least half a per cent higher in European

an effective competitor alongside ICI, and that is goodd news from the consumer's point of view." The rest of Fisons' 7,500 employees work in pharmaceuticals, hoticulture and scientific equipment, with a further 2,000 employed in a joint agrochemicals venture with Boots. Fisons says the £50m from the sale should secure the future of these other sectors. The deal is expected to be completed in the spring. French

prices

warning The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Devel-

opment (OECD) said in Paris yesterday that the effect of France's new economic poli-cies was uncertain and high-er wages could push up prices.

Despite recruitment incen-

tives and government moves to increase production, unemployment might not stabilize until the second half of this year, when it would affect about 8.5 per cent of the workforce, it said. The comments were made in the OECD's first full

assessment of the French economy since the Socialist government of President Francois Mitterrand came to power last June.

Mr Mitterrand pledged to reduce unemployment, which topped two million last October, by creating new jobs, and to revive growth by loan

injections. OECD experts, reviewing the short-term prospects; said unemployment may steady during 1982 and inflation may slow slightly compared with the second half of last

year. France's external defi-cits will probably remain substantial.

"This type of performance is admittedly not entirely satisfactory," they said.

However, the OECD said this outlook should be com-pared with the trend in the 12 months up to with 1921 months up to mid-1981.

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Daily Mail and General Trust PLC Statement by Viscount Rothermere, Chairman

net Revenue after expenses and taxation at £3.059.000 shows only a small decrease.

You will notice in the Directors' Report that the Company is now considered to be a close Compar for the purposes of taxation, in consequence, the

for the year were 30.2p per share (against 31.9p per share last year, of which 1.5p per share was special) and the Board is, therefore, recommending a total distribution on the Ordinary and % Ordinary Shares of 30.0p perghare, against 27.5p per share last year.

inflation decrease, but now tend to increase again; nevertheless, the world wide recession and high interest rates have allowed no easing of the pres on profits; happily exports from the United Kingdom

recession, which has most effect world wide, and the high interest rates there have strengthened the dollar by some 20%, which has helped industry here in its drive for exports, conversely the stronger dollar has meant greatly increased costs to our Associated Company as an importer of newsprint. It has meant also that there has been no relief on the cost of borrowing money, even though industrial stocks are now at much lower levels, and no help to the Gift

Stocks held, and we have taken out of the portfolio companies which it seemed likely the recession would iffect the most. We have continued to invest more abroad and, from the Balance Sheet, you will see that Starting and Dollars, awaiting the opportune time for

The coming year must inevitably be one where income growth is likely to mark time, but I am hopeful that industry is now in a much better shape to take advantage of the upturn, of which there are just the first signs. We believe the shape of our portfolio will allow us to reap full advantage of the recovery when it

This last year has seen the full effect of recession on have continued at a high level. industry both in this country and abroad. Inflation here has moderated but real interest rates, particularly in It is the North American economy, now itself in

North America, have achieved an historic high level. Against this background it is pleasing to be able to report that, disregarding the special dividend from Shell received at the very beginning of our previous financial year, our gross Revenue this year from our general portfolio has been more than maintained and

Board intend to distribute materially all of the Company's Revenue after taxation After provision for the Preference Dividend, earnings

In the last twelve months we have seen the rate of

During this last year we have realised the Government at the year end we had considerable funds, both in

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INTERNATIONAL

Mills & Allen move to fight overseas rivals

MONEY BROKING

Money broking in London awoke to the reality of negotiated commissions last month. The first move to form a group large enough to withstand the onset of international competition has come from Mills & Allen, the poster and money-broking conglomerate that emerged from the J. H. Vayasseur group. It has announced two acquisitions that, in its own words, "takes it up to the Mercantile House and Exco ranking". The City was interested, but will not award it that sort of star status

Mills & Allen has bought Guy Butler, a London-based money broking business, and Chapdelaine, an American government bond and securities broker which will give it a very widespread wire network, one on which it has been working for a year.

On the news, the share price of Mills & Allen rose from 488p to 508p. Analysts are still leaving it on a rating of 9.5 per cent; compared with the rating on Mercantile, for example, of twice

that.

It is buying Guy Butler from Sime Darby for £10.8m. Payment will consist of 1.5m new Mills & Allen shares and £3.5m cash. Sime Darby will retain a 10.7 per cent

ARTHUR HOLDEN

ICI bid

of £12.8m

lifts shares

ICI has launched an agreed

£12.8m bid for Arthur Holden

& Sons, a Birmingham based

lacquers and coatings firm. The offer brings ICI up against its old rival Cour-

taulds, which fought to

prevent an ICI takeover of its

month after International Paint, the highly profitable Courtaulds subsidiary, picked

up a 12 per cent stake in

Holden in a dawn raid carried out by brokers W Greenwell. At that time International said it was looking for closer

links and a possible merger, although the move was not welcomed by Holden, accord-

ing to Mr Phillip Sturge,

by ICI would gice ICI a

greatly strengthened position

in the European can coating

market, which Holden domi-

nates in the United Kingdom and France, while ICI, has a

strong presence in Germany

through its Hermann Wieder-

not have a stake in Holden,

acceptances from directors

and friends accounts for 34.8

per cent of the equity. The Holden board has been

assured by ICI that the rights

The terms are 180p cash per Holden share, or an equivalent number of ICI shares, and though ICI does

The acquisition of Holden

chairman.

hold subsidiary.

The bid comes less than a

own business in the 1960s.

stake in the enlarged capital of Mills & Allen as a "long term investment". Both companies intend to cooperate in the development of financial services in the

Guy Butler's pretax profit for the year ended June 30 was £2.1m, and the net asset value on that date was £1.1m. The Mills & Allen statement says that it intends that Guy Butler, and its existing money broking business of Harlow Meyer Savage should operate independently. There are suggestions from analysts covering the group that this could be a source

Robert Bradford, Butler's insurance broking subsidiary, will be merged with Hugh Paul, Mills & Allen's existing Lloyd's in-surance broker. Mills & Allen will be fully indemnified in respect of

all business transacted by Robert Bradford before completion.
Chapdelaine is based in New York, operating a nationwide network. This acquisition is regarded as more of a coup than the Guy Butler purchase and is costing \$20m. It deals in government bonds, municipal bonds, and other money market instruments and so is right in the centre of the

nationals made its move.

major customer of Holden,

Reed International

£7m takeover

Reed International, the paper

and publishing giant headed

by Sir Alex Jarratt which has

third quarter figures due today, has agreed terms for

the £7m takeover of St Regis

The group is a subsidiary of the United States based St

Regis Paper Company and

Consent for the acquisition

Reed's previous aquisition

of a newspaper group — in which it paid News Inter-national £13.3m for the

Berrow's Organisation — was

will be sought from the

Department of Trade under

the 1973 Fair Trading Act.

with 9.3 per cent.

sellers.



Money brokers: negotiated commissions mean larger groupings

dealing facilities from 500 terminals in 62 cities. It has pretax cent.

profits for the nine months ended

The logic of the Guy Butler bonus profits. Net tangible assets on that date are estimated at because it was there that the big \$235,000.

While this new group will not have the sort of collection of inhouse services that Mercantile House can offer, is can lay its hands on expertize ranging over a similar field, including commodities through Sime Darby.

Mr Clive Hollick, managing director of Mills & Allen said that as a result of the acquisition

most popular international investment at present.

It has a network which offer
and the United States contri-

November 30 of \$3.2m before purchase was that it would bonus payments. Bonuses will be contribute expertise on sterling running at about one third of pre- and currency deposits. The American side was extremely exciting

growth potential lay.
Last year Mills & Allen made an unsuccessful bid for Letraset, the graphics and Stanley Gibbons business. Letraset rejected the £45m offer.

The view is that there is very much more sense in expanding in the money broking side — hence the rise in the share price.

BUNZL

nsure its mining leases.

The agreement marks the agreement marks the agreement marks the major share of the North-

Sally White

US takeovers

group, yesterday announced it had spent \$5.6m (£2.9m) on

two US companies and ex-

pects to spend more in America this year.

Paper company last April, for

The group estimates that this year sales of the indus-trial paper products of US

offshoot, Bunzl Corporation.

could reach £53m, without

further acquisitions which the group expects to make.

£2m slide in pretax profits for 1980 to £11.1m. By the

half-year to June, profits

turnover up from £85.9m to

Bunzl has now bought published profits of £480,000

sales of £16m and net assets of £2.4m for an initial £2.5m, with £400,000 deferred over

It is buying Florida-based Palm Beach Paper, which distributes disposable paper

and plastic products and New York City-based E. Greene, a

division of Saxon Industries

for making collapsable plas-

came out at £6.9m

£100m.

three years.

CRODA

Last year, Bunzl reported a

East American market.

Since buying the Jersey

Growth pays off for supermarket group

With a chairman who is a director of the Halifax Building Society and a managing director whose grandfather started the business, Hillards, the Cleckheaton-based supermarket operator is a firmly established Yorkshire institution.

And though the group boasts stores as far south as Corby and even one in Oldham, Lancashire, its operation is centred in Yorkshire. It has steadily increased its share of the market to around 10

A move up-market three or four years ago into more high quality products appears to be paying off for the group which now has a total of 39 stores, 23 of which are over 10,000 square feet in area.

Development is still resolutely Yorkshire-based with two new large stores, at Buttershaw, near Bradford, and Skipton planned to open in the autumn.

Peter Hartley, managing director, said the board looked at about 60 development sites at a time. from which two or thre would be suitable. Lancashire was already well-serviced by supermarkets, and expansion was more likely in the East and West Midlands, he

Growth has been strong in the recent past, with pretax profits for the half year to November up

by 28 per cent from £1.7m to £2.2m and sales up 16 per cent. This has been reflected in an increased interim dividend, up to 1.42p gross per ordinary share from a scrip adjusted dividend of 1.07p gross last year.

This strong performance and a reputation in the City for being a well managed group has caused Hillards frequently to be the subject of takeover speculation.

According to Mr Gordon Hunter, the chairman, this is a wholly spurious and with a market capitalization of around £39.6m, the group represents a fairly indigestable chunk for any but the very largest in the retail food sector.

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Britain has offered to help

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develop Indonesia's mineral resources, but while welcoming the offer. Indonesia has said that it will use foreign technology, capital and per-sonnel only if domestic sources prove insufficient This was revealed by Mr. Subroto, Indonesian mi

of mines and energy, at the conclusion of his talks with Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary who is currently touring Assan member countries.

NETHERLANDS Nederlandse Gasunie is seek.

ing to import only 2,000 million cubic metres of Soviet natural gas a year from the mid-1980s instead of the 4,000 million it originally sought. This stems from the failure of the Soviet Union to place orders with Dutch companies for equipment for the proposed pipeline and from Dutch gas needs lower than initially expected.

FRANCE

The EEC Commission has allowed France impose a ban on indirect imports of radios, including cassette radios, made in Taiwan and Hongkong, which have been routed through other EEC countries until August 31.

AUSTRALIA

The Tern Two oil well in the Bonaparte Gulf off North Australia has produced gas at between 7.20 million and 14.90 million cubic feet per day, Elf Aquitaine (Australia and New Zealand) its oper-

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia, which has a population of about eight million, imported 350,000 vehicles valued at \$2.500m (about £1,350) between September 1980 and 1981 according to the saudi ministry of finance and national economy.

shareholders that the shares September. This owes much had never reached the price to the sale of the lossmaking China is offering extra interest to private individuals in an attempt to raise 4,000m yuan (about £1,230m) from a domestic bond this year, the

New China News agency said.

FREIGHT REPORT

Ship owners facing

a gloomy outlook

JAPAN Jetro, the semi-official Japanese external trade organization, has set up a task force to deal with complaints from foreign traders in Japan's

latest move to ease trade friction with the West. ● Bridgestone Tyres of Japan is studying the possi-bility of buying the Firestone's factory in Nashville, that basic agreement has been reached by the two companies and a

signing would be made later this month. • Japan's gold and foreign exchange reserves stood as \$28,245m (£15,100m) at the end of January, a decrease of \$158m from a month before.

freight division to Dutch — based conglomerate IVM Intersurer for just £1 last

Sir Frederick Wood, Croda's chariman, claims in his letter that the Burmah docu-March, the company said. In 1980, the freight division lost ment was full of misrep-£516,000 in the first halfresentations and repeats his previous point that there are Last month Renwick, a no other United Kingdom West Country conglomerate controlled by Mr Graham listed companies with net tangible assets of over £50m Beck's private company Kangra International Holdwhich have ratios of gross ings, also sold off its half share in Western Fuel to British Fuel for £14.12.

manufacturing companies.
It said the recession shows

little sign of abating and the

board has decided to pay no

interim dividend

Sir Frederick Wood, chairman of Croda

borrowings-to-capital as high as Burnah's 177 per cent. He adds that Burmah appears to be trying to Turnover at the group, bamboozle shareholders by which takes in motor distrisaying that its 70p-a-share bution and travel agencies. offer produces a high exit price earnings multiple of more than 15 and a low fell from £36m to £33.9m. more than 15 and a low Trading conditions continued dividend yield. He also says to be difficult in the period. that the chemical sector has an average P E ratio of 20.1 Specifically, it blamed fluctuations in the value of sterling and the continuation of high interest rates for delaying a recovery by its

per cent. Meanwhile, neither side in the battle appears to know how to respond to the intervention of the Whitecollar union the Association of Scientific, Technical and

Managerial Staffs under new employment protection regu-But the move has come as no surprise to the Institute of

that the risk of injunctions being applied for and granted was slight.

Profits recovered in the first half at Renwick Group,

and a dividend yield of 5.29

being offered by Burmah.

tic tubes by buying one of its

Directors which wrote to Mr Norman Tebbitt, Employ-ment Secretary, warning him of the possible implications. Mr Tebbitt replied by saying the terms being offered by

RENWICK

Sharp recovery

where losses of £289,000 have been turned into profits of £346,000 in the six months to

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COMMODITIES

£461-61.50. Settlement, £455. Sales, 4.075 tonnes. PLATINUM was at £192.45 (\$359.50) a troy ounce. (\$359.50) a Iroy ounce.

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troy ounce (United States cents
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(830.50c); six months, 458.80p
(830.50c); longon Motal Exchatge. Afternoon.—Cash. 450.5-51.5p, three months, 445.5-46.0p.
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March 1111-1130. Sales: 4,890 lots including 50 options.

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tonnage laid up by mid-month amounted to 181 vessels totalling 27.1 million deadweight tonnes representing an increase of over 3 million tonnes since mid-December.
Gibson say that in that time span a further 11 large tankers joined the lay-up

inactive.

queues making 73 ships

Such a rise readily illus-

Figures issued by E. A.

Gibson, the London ship-brokers, in late January highlighted some disturbing trends. The volume of tanker

trates the desperate plight of the tanker market, but there is an additional burden with the number of vessels employed for oil storage around the world also on the decrease. From the 1981 peak of 24 million tonnes of tankers, Gibson now suggest the total is 75 vessels aggregating just 19 million tonnes. One helpful trend is the number of tankers going to demolition which Gibson estimate to be 116 units of 11.5 million tonnes including some 40 very large crudě carriers. However, they recommend that to make a real Impact in the market place this number should be doub-

led for 1982. On top of this, most coding areas continue to suffer from over tonnaging. Shipments from Hampton This is particularly so in the Roads to Japan, which had Arabian Gulf where 40 ul/vlcc been softening in the first are available for cargoes. half of January, had begun to Over the control of the Over the past week, in move upwards again but it is contrast to the previous vast now expected these will ease level of inquiry for such vessels, a few fixtures have

Ship owners can gain no been concluded both to satisfaction that freight Europe and the Far East but markets in January provided at uneconomic rates.

Additionally, vices have Additionally, vices have The overriding theme in resorted to accepting cart recent weeks has been of talks about owners actually transferring tonnage into Of the other areas, Indone-

transferring tonnage into layup to combat the poor rates plaguing the tanker sector and appearing increasingly in dry cargo trading. sia experienced a guer month overall; West Africa faced a falling demand for tonnage and the Mediterranean had a consistent but moderate flow of business Encouraged by the cold weather in America; the Caribbean can claim baying the nearest reasonable trading month.

Conditions in the dry-cargo sector give little cause for cheer. The market managed first half of January but this was followed by gradual weakening which has con-tinued throughout the last week.

News of further Soviet time charatering provided a minor bolster to weight against slipping transatlantic grain rates which for Pansmax carriers from the United States Gulf to the Continent, have now fallen to around \$8.75 a tonne compared to \$10 or more earlier in the month.

With the end to the Australian coal loading port problems now in sight it is likely that the enhanced interest shown in shipments to North America and Japan will revert to former levels. However, over the past week such interest, particularly from Japanese charterers, has added substance to a market devoid of steady voyage bookings.

Rates for 55,000 tonnes

of its employees would be safeguarded, and that no

BIDS AND DEALS

Leadenhall Sterling is recommending an offer by Hays Group of 125p cash for each Leadenhall Sterling share. The offer values the whole of Leadenhall at £5.6m.

Bricomin Investments. wholly-owned subsidiary of the British and Commonwealth Shipping, has given an irrevocable undertaking to accept the offer in respect of its holding amounting to 79.3 per cent Hays intends to continue and develop the main business of eadenhall, and to safeguard the interests of employees.

F. J. C. Lilley has acquired 90

per cent of the capital of Harold Dessau Inc. of New York for \$3.17m (£1.70m) cash. The remaining 10 per cent of Dessau is owned by Mr Frederick Winseck, Dessau's chief executive. The Dessau companies are merchants and suppliers of tools and equipment for the construction and oil industries in the United States and overseas. In the two years to June 30 1981, Dessau's profits before tax averaged \$850,000 on sales

Brown & Tawse, steel and tube stockholders and processor, has bought Herbert Dyson (Stainless) from Amari World Steel for £645,000 cash. Herbert Dyson is a leading U.K. distributor of stainless steel seamless pipe and tube, which has its premis at Madeley, near Stoke on

of US \$11.5m and at that date net assets totalled US \$1.8m.

Stenhouse Holdings, the insurance broker, has expanded its interests in the US with a takeover deal worth about £8m. It has bought New York-based urance group Schiff Terhune International, which made profits of just over £500,000 in 1980. Profits for last year are esti-mated at almost £650,000. The takeover is being made through Reed Stenhouse, of which Stenhouse holds 53.7 per cent. This interest will drop to 52.5 per cent after the deal, which is being financed mainly by cash and a new shares issue. Reed Stenhouse said the move was a major step forward in its

development in America

acquired a freehold building at 41/42 Prescot Street, London, E.1. as part of its policy of centralizing and expanding the production and sales of its textile division. The property was acquired for £350,000 cash on the open market out of existing

Lincroft Kilgour Group is to sell to the British Petroleum Pension Trust its freehold property known as 20 Golden Square, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Lower John Street and 7-8 Warwick Street, London. The sale price of the property is £1.3m but, as the value of the property exceeds 25 per cent of the net assets of the LKG Group, the sale is conditional on the approval of LKG shareholders.

Charterhouse Group has acquired Electrolok (Security) and Autolok Manufacturing from Mr and Mrs C. H. Goddard, who founded the business four years ago. Electrolok and Autolok which are based in Cheshire. lise in installing and ng electrical locking servicina security systems for commercial premises including banks. Initial consideration of £250,000 satisfied by issue of 301,204 ordinary shares.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES

American Brands' Net income surged 32 per cent, and per share earnings rose 35 per cent, both records, during the final quarter of 1981. American Brands — whose lines include tobacco and food products, office services and supplies, hardware, distilled beverages and life insurance says that earnings for the full

set a new record. Net income for the year, was \$386m (£206m) up 2 per cent from \$378m in 1980. Consolidated sales were down four per cent to \$6,540m for the

tobacco operations set new records for the quarter and the year. Sales for Gallaher, the company's UK subidiary, were despite unprecendented tobacco excise

End of an era Gopeng Consolidated, the Bunzl, the pulp and paper

Malaysian tin mining compa-

ny, has agreed that Perak state should take a 30 per

cent stake in the company. Gopeng will also pay M\$1.25m (£293,000) to the

state to reorganize and ensure its mining leases.

end of an era. Gopeng is the

last of the once influential

group of British tin mining companies working in Malay-

sia to be based in London.

But this arrangement, osten-sibly taken to comply with

Malaysias's New Economic

Policy, effictively transfers control to Malaysia. Last year the Malaysian govern-

ment merged, and took control of, Malaysian Mining

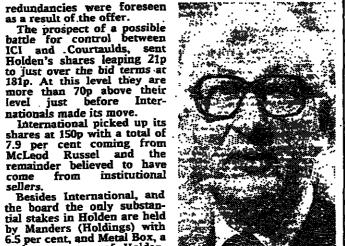
Corporation and Malayan Tin

Dredging, the country's big-

But the agreement is also

gest tin miners.

GOPENG



Sir Alex Jarrett, chairman of Reed International.

posed of its West of England newspaper subsidiary. But Mr Kenneth Morton, a Reed director, said that this sort of problem would not

arise again since there was

not the geographical dupli-cation which had been the case in the West Country.
dTyurnover of St. Regis
Newspaers for 1981 was
£11.8m and profit before tax The group, which will be

acquired by Reed, operates through three subsidiaries and its titles include the Bolton Evening News, the Dancaster Free Description of Saxon Industries which distributes plastic products to the New York ment more efficiently over the next 10 years publishes local newspapers in acquired by Reed, operates the North West of England, through three subsidiaries south Yorkshire and Tees-Doncaster Free Press, and the Teesside Times

It confirms Reed's continuing interest in regional newspapers, which have suffered the double blow of loss of classified advertising and declining circulations, but which are believed by anahalted by the Monopolies lyists to have good recovery Commission until Reed dis-prospects.

Polly Peck (Holdings) Co., has tax increases and the severe recession in the UK. When translated into the strengthened

> La Rinascente, the leading a 20 per cent rise in turnover

Morgan Grenfell has recently concluded the negotiations and signed loan agreements for three new lines of credit, to Cuba, Czechoslovakia and Egypt and for two project related loans to Nigeria and Oman. This reflects Morgan Grenfell's con-tinuing activity and interest in the arrangement of ECGD-sup-ported loans to finance a wide range of UK exports to countries around the world. The total value of these facilities is £16.3m. The three lines of credit are all general-purpose with the support of the Exports Credits Guarantee Department and are to assist in the financing of capital and semi-capita goods and associated services

were lower than 1980.

Italian chain store group, reports 1981 to 1,336bn lire, despite an actual drop in demand for non essential goods. The company, confirming previous unofficial reports, said that the significant increase in the turnover was chiefly due to sharply higher sales of foodstuffs and clothing.

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from UK companies.

intended to ensure Gopeng's future. Gopeng held about 200 small mining leases, many of which had either expired or were about to expire. These leases are granted by the Perak state government. Gopeng hopes that it will now be able to consolidate these leases in

The shares rose 3p to close ing industries.

Bunzl have also announced at 633p on the news, although its Brazillian company, Filthey fell back on later trona, has trebled capacity trona, has trebled capacity and the state of the sta they fell back on later trading. Under the deal, Gopeng will issue the Perak State Development Corporation with 1.7m shares, or 30 major competitors. per cent of the enlarged capital. This will dilute the 55 per cent of the equity held by

British residents. British residents.

But it will also dilute some of the big Malaysian share-holdings. Straits Trading has 16.5 per cent, Tronoh Mines Croda International has made has 9.8 per cent, and Multi-a further attempt to persuade Purpose Holdings 12.9 per its shareholders not to accept

In the year to the end of Burmah Oil, saying that the September, Gopeng's pretax profit went down from £4.66m to £3.23m. Production of tin concentrates fell from 1,922 tonnes to 1,697 tonnes. We already know enough Malaysia produces about about our prospects to be 60,000 tonnes of tin a year. confident now that the shares

The M\$1.25m to be paid for renewal and consolidation of mining leases will also allow Gopeng to convert some of its land under rubber cultivation to tin leases. New licences were previously granted largely as a matter of course.

confident now that the shares should stand at well above the offer price after the offer lapses", the Croda board says. In this letter, Sir Alistair Down, Burmah's chairman, acknowledged the "knock-about" terms of Croda's initial reply, but reminded

Latest results

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Longton Indust. (i)	18.4(19.3)	. 0.25d(0.035d)	-(-)	()		(1.0)
R. H. Morley (I)	1.84(1.43)	0.015(0.06)	1.22(4.0)	(1.0)		()
Regional Props. (1)	-()	0.96(0.92)	()	0.8(0.75)	2/4	(2.2)
Renwick (I)	33,9(36,27)	0.34(0.28d)	2.76(4.4d)	() .	_	-()
Textured Jersey (I)	5.54(5.78)	- 0.32(0.41)		1,7(1.7)	2/4	—(5.5)
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A peer's feat of Clay

Like Lord Emsworth, of Blandings Castle, Lord Aber-conway, 69, (below) is fond of gardening but not of public speaking. Emsworth shunned the House of Lords and it took Aberconway 27 years to break his silence and speak to his assembled peers.
But yesterday Aberconway
shoved aside the shyness of decades and warned off would-be bidders (RTZ? Consolidated Gold? Barlow Rand?) impudent enough to make a takeover offer. As chairman of English China Clare whose scare carry up

chairman of English China Clays whose scars carve up Cornwall, Charles Melville McLaren, Baron Aberconway, yesterday put up a notice to trespassers.

Sniffily, he said: "We think it most unlikely that we would judge any such (takeover) proposition to be of benefit to the businesss as a whole" Haughtily he added: "We cannot conceive that any other organization that any other organization could materially add to our technology in the fields of research into clay minerals, not to our expertise in mining and processing those minerals, not our commercial experience in marketing

This disdain has rubbed off an Aberconway's successor as chairman of John Brown, the engineers, which fell down on its forecasts after making a cash call - not the making a cash call — not the way to the City's flinty heart. I asked plain Mister John Mayhew-Sanders, 50; would he resign? "No" Would he reinforce his board to relieve his localiness as the selection of the se his loneliness as the only executive director? "Certainly not. I was put in to pull round this company, and



Eng. Clays' Lord Aberconway

What's inn

a name

Restaurateurs Thérèse and René Rochon have a problem with their London restaurant Chez Solange. From February 11, they want to designate part of it Cinq à Sept, for Paris-style romantic after-work and pre-dinner

The problem is that London-style licensing laws dictate that the drinkery can't open until 5.30. Les Rochon have decided to stretch the drinking time until 7.30 and to keep the name. After all, Cinq Heures et Demi à Sept Heures et Demi just doesn't have the right ring, does it?

Frown at heel

A call for used footwear to be collected and sent to needy Poles is stinging Nicholas Calvert to put in the

Calvert, who is secretary of the British Footwear Manufacturers' Federation, is hopping mad because millions of pairs of Polish shoes are exported to this country each year. Some, he says, are sold at prices which are below the value of the components alone on the British market. The appeal for the used

shoes comes from Charles Wheeler, the BBC's chief European correspondent, and local paper, the Surrey Adver-tiser. Of the Poles, Wheeler says: "They need shoes— they need them badly. In subzero temperatures their feet are exposed through holes in their shoes."

Of the Polish leadership, their export policies, and of the Western governments and bankers who sustained them, Calvert says they "have not only denied Polish citizens footwear ... but have also cost thousands of jobs in the UK footwear manufacturing industry.

Ross Davies

rew APPOINTMENTS

Mr A. S. Numn has been elected chairman of the Institute of London Underwriters. Mr D. Town has been elected deputy chairman.

int S. L. Finch, who retired last year as deputy chairman of the Weir Group, has accepted an appointment to the board of P. I. Casing Group as chairman-elect to succeed Mr J. F. B. Jackson, when Mr Jackson retires as chairman in May next.

Mr C. M. Keville has been appointed a director of C. T. Bowning & Co (Insurance). Sir Campbell Fraser, executive chairman of Dunlop Holdings, has been appointed a non-executive Rupert Morris

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Why Fisons and fertilizers parted company

Fisons and fertilizers have been synonymous in many people's minds for so long that yesterday's announcement of the £50m sale of the company's agricultural fertilizer ammonia. ICI has also ducers Norsk-Hydro enjoyed a remarkably favourable arrangement with most fertilizer are made from European fertilizer ducers Norsk-Hydro enjoyed a remarkably favourable arrangement with British Gas for purchase of Norwegian firm Norsk-Hydro the methane from which will come as a shock. But in spite of Fisons' of the price ICI pays vary public denials that such a between 6.5p and 11p a therm sale was imminent, it was — in either case well below sale was imminent, it was — in either case wen below certainly far from unexpected. Nor is it necessarily a a therm around which a disaster for the British company like Fisous would chemical industry or for expect to negotiate.

less since he took office.

The fertilizer division, which has been the only consistent loss-maker within the group over the past two years, was drastically pruned a year ago when four works were closed with the loss of 1,100 jobs — more than a quarter of the workforce.

The division lost £1.1m in 1980, compared with a profit of £2.9m the year before. Half-year figures for the Fisons group in 1981 showed considerable overall improvement, with a pre-tax loss in the second half of 1980 being turned into a £1.6 million profit. But fertilizers were still showing a trading loss. in retrospect, the severing Profit

of its one obviously un-healthy limb makes perfect sense. Fisons had been hard hit by recession, and its creditors were becoming more pressing. It also seems quite possible that the ferti-lizer division is now far more attractive than it was.

Said Mr Kerridge: "The significance of this sale as far as we're concerned is that it's a major relief on our balance sheet and enables us to concentrate all our resources on our growth businesses — horticulture, pharmaceuticals and scien-

tific equipment.
"We have found the fertilizer business strategically difficult. It's investment in-tensive, and the size of the investment needed to develop it is better done by big A company like ICI, for instance, is already commit-ted to fertilizers through its

MARKETING

AND ADVERTISING

CHANNEL FOUR

By Torin Douglas

Britain's marketing and ad-

vertising experts are about to get a taste of their own medicine. The firms who pour millions of pounds into launching new brands and

sustaining existing ones will soon find themselves on the receiving end of the biggest new product launch of 1982

that of the fourth tele-

Channel Four goes on the air in exactly nine months' time and the battle, to

persuade advertisers to book

commercials on it is just beginning. The first rate-cards have started to appear, the channel has appointed an

advertising agency, and next

week Channel Four's chief

executive, Jeremy Isaacs, and managing director, Justin Dukes, begin a nationwide series of presentations to

advertisers and agencies at which they will reveal many of their plans for the chan-nel, including the first out-

line programme schedule.

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vision channel.

— in either case well below the market rate of about 30p

expect to negotiate.'
ICI has about 50 per cent Fisons itself.

As Mr John Kerridge, chief of the British fertilizer executive since mid-1980, market, compared with explained, Fisons has been pursuing a policy of concentrating on the surer profitmaking parts of its business, particularly drugs, more or company Dutch State Mines, researched to the property of the property and claims about 10 per cent, and

> What Fisons is selling £193.7m

had a severe effect on sales.

Note: Overall pre-tax profits in 1980 emerged at £3.8m following £12.6m finance charges.

But besides the strategic reasons for Fisons getting its own.
out of fertilizers, the most We shall know more about immediately important rea-son was that it needed the Trading profits from its

various divisions in 1980 amounted to £16.3m. But

contrast with most other. European fertilizer pro-ducers Norsk-Hydro has been pursuing an impressive expansion programme based expansion programme based on profits from its North Sea

largest Dutch nitrogen pro-ducer, NSM, and a majority holding in Sweden's only Supra, so that it can claim a another significant interest in the Dutch nitrogen mar-

Ironically it was only a few days ago that a company spokesman told European Chemical News: "We have now reached a level of activity in fertilizers which makes growth in volume no

Inger a major objective."

The company did, however, say that it anticipates more link-ups and closures in the

industry.

Mr Martin Trowbridge,
director-general of the
Chemical Industries Association, said he saw the move as part of a trend in which manufacturers of fertilizers would find their once specialized products becoming in-creasingly international international companies would find much easier to

market on a grand scale.

He added: "This also emphasizes the role of the British government in ensuring that our energy related costs are competitive wth the best of international competi-Fisons' Mr John Kerridge

did not see any major threat to British industry as a result of the sale. Norsk-Hydro is unlikely to

renew the ammonia contract with ICI. Norsk-Hydro makes Fisons' precise financial pos-

ition in a month when its preliminary results for last year are published. In the meantime, while no substantial contraction of finance charges of £12.5m business such as this can be Last year's decision to scientific machines, the distribution of which were severely hit in £3.8 million.

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But there is some optimism ies and reasons for sale do lems, and in due course it is



will outweigh the loss of one.
As the figures show,
Fisons' turnover in fertilizers at £193.6 million in 1980 was almost as much as the rest of the divisions put together. But growth is an entirely different matter.

While the fertilizer busiwhile the fertilizer business was contracting the drigs division, with new treatments being introduced for various allergies, has been showing growth of between 20 and 25 per cent, while other sectors have been growing by up to 10 per cent. Last year's decision to abandon for safety reasons of which were severely hit in

understood to have spent that last year's redundancies

Four, are not so sure.

If the marketing of the channel to the advertising

business seems unduly com-plicated, however, even to marketing men, at least its promotion to the public is relatively straightforward.

Channel Four has appointed

one of London's most highly regarded advertising agencies, Boase Massimi Pollitt,

and has earmarked £2 million

for the launch, the bulk of which will be spent in the immediate pre-launch period

Unlike previous television channels and unlike new

newspapers or magazines, Channel Four does not have to persuade people to buy a new set or a new aerial or the

publication itself. All it has

to do is to get people to press the spare button on their set;

Ultimately, however, it will be the quality of the pro-gramming that will determine

whether or not Channel Four meets its audience targets

screen programmes that suf

ficient people want to watch, it will go the same way as the vast majority of other new

products launched each year:

• Torin Douglas will write a

marketing and advertising column every Tuesday

it will fail.

development, and it was intended to be an important

Pharmaceuticals

the £8.3 trading profit made in the first half of 1981.

Selling £100 million worth of air

parts of the country. Signifi-cantly, the joint ratecard has yet to be lodged with the Office of Fair Trading, though the three companies say they believe there will be no difficulties on that score. Other contractors, one of which has suggested the proposal could lead to the "Balkanization" of Channel

Fisons

The fertilizer division has been withering Fison's roots for some years now, so it was little surprise that the share price leapt for joy at yesterday's news that the business is being sold to

Fisons has, of course been busy knocking the fertilizer division into rather better shape with some radical surgery over the past couple of years, but even though the division is now moving back into profitability, share-holders should have no reservations about the sale. The prospect of obtaining a significant return of capital through the eighties without stepping up investment was probably none too

In short then, Fisons has

Business Editor

What will Opec do now?

The downward pressure on oil prices shows no sign of abating. If anything, the chances that members of Opec will have to beat an undignified retreat from the price reunification they achieved so tenuously last autumn are increasing by the day. Both the "spot" market and the increasingly busy oil futures markets in London and the United States are indicating that the new Opec \$34-a-barrel benchmark is no longer tenable in the present conditions of world oil glut. For the first time, car-goes of Saudi crude oil are now trading at a discount of at least 50 cents a barrel to the official \$34 a barrel price, while the disparity for North-Sea oil — which

had been trading at a discount for several weeks—has widened to more then \$2.50 a barrel. On the futures market, prices for gas oil are discounting the belief that there will be no recovery in price levels: for the next six months.
It is hardly surprising therefore that pressure is mounting on Saudi Arabia, accounting for 40 per cent of Opec's total production,

to cut back its output from its current official level of 8.5 million barrels a day, This was certainly one of the major topics at the meeting of the six leading oil producers in the Gulf over the weekend. Many oil industry observers believe that a cut in Saudi production of up to 2 million barrels a day is inevitable if the price slide is to be halted. It may have hapalready,

The alternative is for Opec to try and engineer an across-the-board price cut. But neither option is likely to take the heat off the oil producers for long. There are two main reasons.-One is that the Saudi capacity for cutting its output will become extremely limited once it gets down to the 6.5 million barrel a day level. Any further reduction will have to be at the expense of its ambitious internal develin Saudi production is likely to be promptly taken up by the kingdom's fellow Opec members, who have seen their crude sales rapidly eroded by their attempts to charge an above-market

industry who reckon that the oil price could fall as far as \$25 a barrel are still in a minority. A more likely course is that prices will start to firm in the autumn as winter approaches and economic activity begins (perhaps) to pick up again. But that time is not yet here — despite even one of the severest winters ever in

the severest winters ever in the world's largest oil consumer, the United States. The downward trend in prices must be beginning to worry the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose rev-emues are becoming increasingly dependent on the build-up of those much-vaunted North Sea billions.

Changing shape

Norsk Hydro.

dramatically improved its prospects for the next few

raised the general quality of its earnings and, this will doubtless be reflected in a sharp improvement in its current cost earnings too.

Additionally, the sale should allow greater concentration of capital spending in growth areas, while the balance sheet itself will, of course, look distinctly healthier. At the end of 1981 debt may well have amounted to about 75 per cent of shereholders' funds. cent of shareholders' funds. During the course of 1982, that figure should come down to around 50 per cent

Even after yesterday's big jump — leaving the shares roughly two-thirds up on last year's "low" — a market capitalization of some £80m may not be fully discounting recovery prospects and the improvements. pects and the improved earnings quality. Some ana-lysts are looking for £15m-£16m pre-tax for 1982 and appreciably over £20m for 1983.

Printing Over-capacity

The immediate crisis in the gravure printing industry may have been alleviated by last week's provisional agreement over redundancy at Reed International's Odhams in Watford. But the three main companies — Odhams, the British Print-ing Corporation's Sun Printers, and News Inter-national's Bemrose — are saddled with such overcapa-city that a bloodbath still

competitors have grabbed much of the mail-order catalogue business. That has left the British printers with the mass-circulation magazines, whose deadlines preclude printing abroad.

The gravure printers are also under pressure from the British companies using the rival web-offset method. Gravure has reigned supreme in mass-circulation colour printing - runs over about half a million because it can give reason-able results on far cheaper paper. But recent advances in offset technology are closing the gap.

After a long period of under-investment the firms have recently been investing heavily in high-speed presses and computerized unions have been very reluctant to shed enough manpower for them benefit fully.

Industry observers believe that the British market cannot support more than two large gravure printers. Although the most sensible solution would be an agreed solution would be an agreed merger of the two Watford firms, Sun and Odhams, corporate realities make that unlikely. With the three firms together losing more than £10 million a year, the rationalization is more likely to happen when one of them makes un-acceptable demands on its workers and clashes down

New York money markets looked pretty sticky in early trading yesterday with the Fed funds rate bouncing back up to 15 per cent. It did the same last Monday, of course, before drifting back down by mid-week. Whether there will be a

repeat performance this week remains to be seen, but foreign exchange operators — also looking over their shoulders for any new troubles in Poland — were taking no chances and pushed the dollar up to DM2:35.

Meanwhile, Sterling interest rates held more or less steady, helped by the Bank trimming its dealing rates for all but Band 1 bills. What was fascinating the market was whether the Bank was leading rates down or simply flushing out the maximum possible number of bills in the face of a £500m shortage. In short, will it be there on the same terms today? ·

On the surface, Isaacs' and Dukes' task should not be an drawbacks for Isaacs and Dukes, however, as they start unduly difficult one, for commercial television has their crusade next week, not least of which is the fact that been enjoying an unpre-cedented advertising boom in they do not have anything to sell. All the airtime on the spite of the recession. Last new channel will be sold by year, ITV's net revenue leapt by 15 per cent to £511 the existing independent telemillion, thereby illustrating most advertisers' reluctance to take their business away management does not even have a say in its pricing structure. This does not make the marketing of the from television despite its Channel Four, which will channel particularly straightincrease the supply of airtime by some 60 per cent, son with the launch of a new
seems certain to benefit, but
supermarket product, the selling of Channel Four will be a marketing man's night-

it has other attractions for the advertiser as well. With its smaller, but more tightly mare. If Channel Four were a new brand, it would be the defined audiences — Isaacs says he is aiming for 10 per cent of the total viewing biggest new product launch hours — Channel Four of this or almost any other should be able to attract year. Its sales target is in advertisers who currently excess of £100 million a year, cannot afford the capital cost which would put it on a par of a television campaign and with the most successful are using the colour sup-plements or other media and Whiskas. Its target audience is 87 per cent of the

In addition, because its population programming will be com- Yet, unli Yet, unlike most conventional brands, Channel Four plementary to that on ITV with news opposite comedy, will require two totally diffilms opposite sport and so ferent marketing campaigns on — it is likely to increase if it is to achieve these aims the total audience to com— one to persuade adver-— one to persuade advermercial television. It is also tisers to buy airtime and expected to attract groups another to persuade the who do not generally watch public to watch. It will also ITV, such as businessmen have the benefit of not one but over a dozen sales and and young people. but over a dozen sales.

There are a number of marketing departments

Justin Dukes, managing director and Jeremy Isaacs, chief executive of Channel Four: aiming for 10 per cent of viewing hours one for every ITV region— each with a different sales plan and pricing policy and each visiting the same advertisers and agencies. And that is not including Channel Four's own marketing de-partment, which, though embryonic at present, is expected to grow rapidly when a head of marketing is appointed in a few months' Justin Dukes, who as

deputy chief executive and managing director of Channel Four is in charge of the business side of the operation, accepts that it is important that there should "no disharmony in the way the channel is presented". He and Isaacs at one time hoped a central sales force could be set up, alongside those of the regional ITV contractors, to sell advertising on Channel Four on a national basis. Since the programmes would be the same all over the country, it seemed to make sense, but that battle had been fought and lost many months previously, in Parlia-ment and outside, by the advertisers and agencies who wanted the existing ITV

companies to have no part in the selling of the channel at

not given up, however. "V continue to seek a situation meets its audience targets and, as a result, attracts sufficient advertising revenue to pay its way. By the beginning of November, there will be no one in the country left unaware of the launch of the new television channel, but if it does not screen programmes that sufhe says, "where it is possible for an advertiser to buy the country as a whole for his campaign without having to go to each of the ITV contractors in turn." The contractors do not

agree, though three of them have announced their intention of providing a halfway house for new advertisers by offering a joint rate covering the south east of England. The three companies, London Weekend Television, TVS and Anglia, intend to offer a package of 40 commercial spots on all three stations for £140,000, up to 30 per cent of which they will give back to the advertiser in order to make his commercial.

Ostensibly, the idea behind the scheme is to attract new advertisers who might be worried that the cost of producing their television commercial would be excessive in view of the comparatively low cost of the airtime.
"We realize that the cost of producing commercials will be a problem," says Ron Miller, sales director of London Weekend, "which is why we have got together to do something about it."

However, some observers and not just rival ITV Dukes, who was joint companies, see the move managing director of the simply as a way of attracting Financial Times until taking business to the three contracup his new post last May, has tors concerned, at the ex-

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Football

By Keith Macklin

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Beaumont meets his Waterloo and England acquire new general

Steve Smith, the Sale and Lag-cashire scrum half, was named last evening as England's captain last evening as England's captain against Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday. The news was given by Posters. chairman of Saturday. The news was given by Budge Rogers, chairman of Selectors, before the England squad trained at Stourbridge, and at the end of a day during which the Rugby Football Union had announced that Bil Beaumont, after his head injury in the County championship final last weekend, would not be playing in the international. Iim Syddall, the Waterloo lock and Beaumont's partner in the Lancashire second row, will win his first cap.

The appointment of the buoyant and irrepressibly cheerful Smith in his twenty third international—one short of Dickie Jeeps's record for an England scrum half—is an imaginative Jecps's record for an England scrum half—is an imaginative one, although the captaincy might just as easily have gone to the hooker, Peter Wheeler, who has won 30 caps. 'We are confident that Steve will do well," Mr Rodgers said. "He is captain of his club. He's got the technical knowhow. He's got the confidenct of the players, and it will be a popular choice with the lads." After joining England's rughy touring side in South Africa as a replacement in 1972, Smith won six caps in the next two seasons, but only four in the subsequent five. However, he has been an English lynchpin since participating in the grand slam year of 1980. Oother high points in his career, including a late call to join the Loons in South Africa in 1980—though he never played a 2,1 me—were the victories of North West Counties and the

When the French rugby team was announced last Wednesday, Jacques Fouroux, the national coach, commented that the selection was "quite revolutionary". The crowds have not stormed the French Federation officer as me

French Federation offices as yet, nor have the tumbrils started rol-ling in the streets, but Fourous and his colleagues are sufficiently

and his colleagues are surricently aware that there is a growing disenchantment for the national game within France.

The professional critics as well as the general public have become disillusioned with the game which is no longer played with the same sparkle as of old. None of the modern batch of players

the same sparkle as of old. None of the modern batch of players, it is felt. can hold a candle to the likes of Maso. Villepreux, Cester, Dauga, the Spanghero brothers, and the rest. There are no genuine Rugby heroes, Rives excepted, who light up the present scene, and the game as a whole has lost its Gallic joie de vivre.

The French XV has played in the dour style of the Bézlers Club. For the past decade the national club competition has been dominated by one club, Beziers, who have won the championship on nine occasions. Their

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prionsing on nine occasions. Their style is based on a powerful and efficient pack with the half-backs kicking in support. Guided by their success, and instead of developing the virtues of the traditional characteristics for the running game, France have attempted to emulate Béziers.

cess in the form of the grand slam under Fourox's captainty in 1977, but it did not endear itself

the minds and hearts includen, and after

Frenchmen, and after the euphoria disenchantment set in.

If the championship had been won, it is argued, it had been at

Even though Jean Pierre Rives

has attempted to bring his influence to bear by expanding the game, he has been limited in

what he can achieve by the choice of players at his disposal, and the contradictory philosophy of the national coaches, so that the French style has changed little in

It can also be said that such success as they have had has been

He had a splendid tour of Argentina last summer. Like vintage wine, he seems to be maturing nicely in his 31st year. Happily, there is no threat to Beaumont's rugby career and, with luck he will be playing again on Saturday week, all set to return to England duty against France in Paris on February 20. But the RFU could come to only one decision after their doctor, Leon Walkden, had spoken with the leading neurologist who examined Beaumont yesterday morning, and advised him that it would be foolish to play this week. Happily, there is no threat to

It has been the Union's policy to recommend rest of at least a fortulght for those receiving concussion or similar injuries. This was the case when Mike Slemen was concussed in the Australian international.

international.

After spending the day at his family textiles business in Lancashire, Beaumont looked in his usual state of well being and good cheer when joining the England party at Stourbridge. "I had the full treatment—X-rays, scans, the lot", he said, "and it was a great relief to hear from the specialist that he was diving me a complete. relief to hear from the specialist that he was giving me a complete bill of health."

Beaumont will be at Twickenham on Saturday, as a distinctly reluctant spectator: "It will seem very strange — it's been such a long time since I sat in the stands for a big game. I don't know what the hell I'll do, but I'll be rooting for the lads and expecting to support a winning side

They have been successful only in the European context. Whilst they won the grand slam in 1977, they lost an international series the following year in South

Africa.

Within months of repeating the

Within months of repeating the feat in 1981 they lost a series in Australia; and at the start of this season lost twice at home to New Zealand. But more than this, the shop window of the game at international level does not reflect the way French people want the game to be played. The limited game has limited appeal and limited success.

To underline this, rugby in France can no longer rely on a readily enthusiastic audience. Attendances at club matches have dwindled, and there were poor gates for the All Black games. For the first international in Toulouse the stadium was half empty, which is unheard of in that region of France.

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The overtly rugged image has other and most probably more important repercussions, not only in France. Parents and youngsters no longer find the tough image so appealing.

The referees also are concerned. Earlier this season, Marcel Puget, a former international and now a referee, had to be escorted from a stadium for fear of assault. It is not that winning is made to be too important, it is that losing is considered so dramatic.

The antipathy to Rugby serves to help other sports. Soccer in particular is a competing attraction in World Cup year, for which France have qualified. It may be a sign of the times that France and New Zealand both

ated great public support. The Welsh Rugby Union may sigh with relief that the Welsh soccer

with relief that the Welsh soccer team has narrowly failed Besides the definitive Béziers style, there is also a Bayonne style. This still holds to the traditional virtues of the French handling game, and is played mainly in the southern region. It may not be the stuff of which French champions are

France and New Zealand, great Rugby nations, should qualify for Spain. This has gener-

and limited success.

As Beaumont observes, Syddall has proved himself a stern comhas proved himself a stern com-peditor in some good class rugby, not only in 26 appearances for his county, but in two for the North. He was on the right side-in a famous victory by the North over the All Blacks in 1979. He has also played for the England 19 and 23 groups and for the B side. He is a quantity surveyor with the Atomic Energy Commis-sion.

Syddall said: "It is great to be awarded that white shirt, though the delight is reduced bethough the delight is reduced because I am there only through Bill's injury. Still, many great players started International carters by deputizing for somebody else—including Bill himself.
Maurice Colclough, who injured his knee in the Calcutta match at Murrayfield, did not play for his French club, Angouleme, last weekend, because he felt he was not quite ready for another game. But he came through the training with flying colours last night. So that was an undoubted plus. It would have been tough on England to be forced to go into the Irish match without either of their British Lion lock forwards.

The England ream and reserves will muster again at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, on Thursday afternoon.

The senior English rugby clubs reaffirmed their opposition to the formation of lengues at a meeting at Moseley but agreed plans for a national merit trible to be forwarded to the Rugby Union.

French 'revolution' banishes Beziers for buoyant Bayonne

Basque gambit could recall great days



Gareth Jones, the Torquay Athletic captain, who had a blood clot in his eye and needed 20 stitches in his brow and eyelid after being knocked out in the first minute of a rugby match against Camborne at the weekend, will not make an official complaint against his attacker. Doctors warned the 29-year-old teacher not to play again this season. He will have more tests for blurred vision. The Welsh-born Devon flank forward does not want to know who injured him. "Sense-less violence like this makes me want to give up the sport. It's a man's game and I expect to take knocks but I have never come up against anything as vicious as this. I was walking back from a ruck when a fist came over my shoulder and smashed into my face for no reason. I was out for the count and neither the ref nor any of our players saw the culprit"

repeat itself for Chelsea

By Keith Macklin
Wrenham 1

The 1,000 Chelsea supporters who cheerfully and noisily defied the travelling ban are convinced that recent history is about to repeat itself. In 1978 Liverpool travelled to Stamford Bridge in the third round of the FA Cup and were demolished 4—2.

Liverpool make the trip again in the 17th round on Saturday week and although Chelsea's victory last night was scrappy and unimpressive, their supporters left the Racecourse in the mood to shout Chelsea legitimately to victory over the European Champions.

Coals form the giant Drow and Unacceptable face of rugby

to shout Chelsea legitimately to victory over the European champlons.

Goals from the glant Droy and Mayes gave Chelsea a 2—0 lead in a game which was largely banal and uneventful, full of frantic endeavour but liktle cohestve skill. Five minuses from the end the limping Vinter hit a magnificent goal to set up a furious late Wrezham rally

After 16 minuses Wrezham suffered a decisive blow when their centre forward Edwards left the field injured, Steve Jones taking his place. Chelsea gave Wrezham a chance to score when they left Rouson with a for of room to shoot, and Francis had to bring off an excellent save. Chelsea's first half goal came from a set piece move. Nutton took a free kick and as it safled into the area the bearded figure of Droy, backheaded the ball past Niedzwiecki.

Just before half time a fight erupted in the Chelsea penalty area when Steve Jones challenged Francis, and Droy, wading in like a night club bouncer, was cautioned by Mr Midgley. Chelsea led 1—0 at half time and as Wrexham continued to scurry about, all energy and to purpose, their supporters audibly resigned themselves to a Cup exit and possibly third division football next season.

Mayes should have scored a

Mayes should have scored a Mayes should have scored a second when he headed over the har from a perfect cross from Rhoades Brown, but he redeemed himself shortly afterwards. Downan carelessly gave away possession in the Wrezham half, Rhoades-Brown sent the ball immediately to the unmarked Mayes and he shot through Niedzwiecki's legs as the goalkeeper came out desperately. Five minutes from the end the hobbling Vinter, his right thigh strapped, hit a magnificent shot with the injured limb, and gave Wrexham five fleeting minutes of hope and desperate late endeavour.

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against France at Cardiff on Saturday Davies, who suffered a leg injury while playing against Ireland last Saturday week, was unable to take part in the team's tough two-hour work out last night and has been able to carry out only light training. His injured right leg is still painful France, who are in England's World Cup group, will play Bulgaria as well as Wales and Northern Ireland in warm-up

Skiing

Men on run stick to their guns

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
The Ashton Gate Eight, as the unwanted men of Bristol City have been billed, last night spurned a lifeline thrown to their club by a shadow board of local businessmen. The eight players, who were to have received 558,000 from City to leave by noon tomorrow, dismissed as ridiculous as new offer embracing a further two weeks' wages and the proceeds from a benefit match, which would have pumped their handshake up to 580,000 tax free.

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One of the eight, Chris Garland, said after a meeting with the shadow board: "How can they estimate a testimonial at £17,000? They are always very poorly supported. Anyway, the Bristol piblic are being esked to pay for the board's mistakes to meeting within many of them are out of work themselves."

Another player, Geoff Merrick, gave the offer the pit-boot: "If this happened in a colliery it would have the industry up in arms straightaway. We just cannot accept it."

Speaking for the board, Les

Clubs in a rocky state.

Few can dispute that, in present circumstances, once one club sinks others will find creditors and less trusting. As only 10 League clubs are currently not in debt, fear is by no means contained within the lower divisions. Indeed it is coursing through the veins of even those at the top.

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Kew said: "I have to be optimis-tic but it becomes more difficult as the hours tick by. Deep down the players have a love of this club and that is the cleft-stick they find themselves in."

Had the eight fulfilled their Had the eight fulfilled their contracts they would have been paid an estimated £180,000 after tax over the next two years. Their decision has reverberations not only on their own doorsteps and on that of their employer but within the portals of other clubs in a rocky state.

sponsor. Their wages were recently described by Councillor Gordon Morgan, leader of the West Midlands County Council,

as " unjustified and disproportion ate ". Luton Town, the outstanding leaders of the second division, mas holiday period and are said to be concerned about their financial position. It was so poor a few years ago that they sought advice from auditors. The same firm are dealing with the fate of Bristol City

Doomsday watch in Bristol fashion

If Bristol City fail to survive their latest crists it will not be for their inability to recognize the danger signals early enough. They and Coventry City proposed the last Football League seminar. It would be cruelly ironic if Bristol City were absent from the next in Solihull on February 21 and 22.

In October 1979 Stephen Kew, then club chairman, wrote to the then club chairman, wrote to the Football League secretary, Graham Kelly, and the president. Lord Westwood. suggesting an agenda. The first item was players' contracts, which is now at the centre of Bristol City's struggle, and there was a request to study the "commercial scene", including sponsorship. The last seminar produced a few belpful proposals but this menth's meeting of the club

chairmen will have the air of an emergency. Suggestions which would have been shelved in the would have been shelved in the past are now likely to be accepted, not least greater commitment to sponsorship.

Yesterday a stray poll of clubs registered optimism that banks would not want to invite unattractive publicity by foreclosing on any of the five clubs in acute danger of extinction but most favoured an immediate advertising cannaign to immerce attend-

ances.
In Solihull the chairmen will be asked to approve the use of television advertising, although it is not yet clear whether it will take the form of publicity for specific matches or the game itself. The details are being considered by the League's commercial manager. Graham Walker, who believes that a large proportion of the audience for tele-

The League have become aware that football needs the publicity which in the past it gathered without effort. They have appointed CSS Promotions to help revitalize the game. The company will be putting forward their ideas at the seminar; meantime they have organized a meeting between Mr Kelly and newspaper sports editors.

Clubs are to blame for the games financial crisis, according to the Football Association chairman, Bert Millichip, " In the room for argument that freedom of movement has totally failed," he said. "It has to be regarded in the interests of the clubs and the players themselves. We have got to go back to square one and look at freedom of contract."

Foster's seventh heaven

By Martin Tyler
Orient 2 Huddersfield 6
In the person of 17-year-old Orient defender Colin Foster, the romance of the FA Cup touched last night's fourth round replay at Brisbane Road. Foster's first goal in only his seventh semior appearance held the key to his side's progress to a visit to Crystal Palace on February 13.

Under the management pairing of Ken Knighton and Frank Clark, Orient these days are making better use of their resources and their organization edged them past a determined, if uninspired, challenge from Huddersfield Town. Defensively Orient now employ the cushion of a sweeper, Tommy Taylor, which at times leaves their attack ower-dependent on the bustle of Moores and the sprinting ability of Godfrey.

The tightness of the game increased the hikelihood of any break-through coming from a set-piece. Margerrison might have provided it from Osgood's loog throw 10 minutes into the second half. But three mitutes

Today's football, rugby and hockey

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BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Third round: Slough v Aylesbury. SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round: Crawley v Lewes. RUGBY UNION : Exeter V Exeter University HOCKEY: Broxbourne v London

Mariner's return gives Robson a difficult choice

Bobby Robson, the Irswich Town manager, will make one of the most difficult team decisions of his 13 years at Portman Road tonight when he names his oddman out for the League Cup semi-final first leg visit of treble chasing rivals Liverpool. Mills, Thijssen and McCall are the men competing for two places following the return to fitness of Mariner.

Mr. Polygon's decided to me.

Mr Robson's decision is com-plicated by a virus infection which prevented Wark from trainwhich prevented Wark from training yesterday, although the free-scoring Scot is expected to be passed fit. Butcher is again missing, but Mr Robson refuted suggestions that his deputy Steggles could drop out and allow Wark or Mills to play alongside Osman at the centre of the defence. Liverpool, in happy contrast, rame an unchanged team followname an unchanged team following their weekend victory at Aston Villa. Thompson is still recovering from an ankle injury, so Johnson and Johnston compete for the substitute's shirt.

Asia, to within 300 miles of the Afghanistan and Chinese borders, to play their first leg of their European Cop quarter-final tie against the Russian side Dynamo Kiev.

Barnsley yesterday put Ronnie Glavin, the Scottish midfielder, up for sale. This decision came only two days after Norman Hunter, the manager, said his promotion seeking squad was not big enough for him to sell anybody.

anybody.

But after Hunter and Glavin had had a private meeting the outcome was that the 29-year-old player, valued at £200,000, is to leave Oakwell.

Norwich City have completed the £125,000 re-signing of North-ern Ireland's captain, Martin O'Neill, from Manchester City.

Athletics

Mrs Elder races closer to Capes' record By Norman Fox

Athletics Correspondent Athletics Correspondent
Britain's most successful indoor
athlete, Verona Elder, moves
closer to Geoff Capes's record
number of appearances and 17year-old Julie Rose, from Ashford, gains her first senior
national place in the team to
meet The Netherlands at Cosford,
tomorrow week. Mrs Elder, who won ber eighth WAAA 400 metres title at Cosford last Saturday, will be making

her 64th appearance for Britain The record, held by Capes star

The record, need by capes strains at 67. Another victory this month could persuade Mrs Elder to attempt to win her fourth European indoor gold medal in Milan pean indoor gold medal in Milan next month.

Miss Rose, winner of the WAAA 3,000 metres title ten days ago, will run with Paula Fudge, who holds the world record for 5,000 metres.

In the med's match against Belgium on the same day, Paul Duan, from Liverpool, makes his first appearance for Britain in the 400 metres, while Chris McGeorge, the winner of the AAA 800 metres indoor title and Graham Williamson, who won the 1,500 metres on Saturday, will hope to maintain their promising early season form.

men : 60 metres : H King (Brackneil). S Clarke (Herne Rill) : 200m :
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800m : C McGeorge (Cockermorth).
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1.500m : G Williamson (Springbura).
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Pembrokel. R Charles : Queen's Park):
Long lump: T Honry (Shaftesbury).
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Tahor (Southampton). B Epuliste (Wolverhamoton): 200m : R Politan (Notts: 1)
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Rodford (Colverhampton).

Coe's award : Sebastian Coe Czechoslovakia's Jarmila Kratochvilova were winners of the annual "Golden Track Shoe" awards, sponsored by the Czecho-slovak sports paper Ceskosloven-sky Sport and the Moravian Vitkovice Athletic Club.

Wimbledon—and Lendl's face turns cold as clay

Delray Beach, Florida. Feb 1 Delray Beach, Florida, Feb 1
Ivan Lendi has the look of a
player who has forgotten the
dreaded depression that goes with
defeat. He has built up his confidence over eight tourdaments
during which he has won 39
successive matches, including two against John McEnroe.

But mention Wimbledon to this 21-year-old Czechoslovak and ins 21-year-old Czechoslovak and his expression and attitude change. "How do you think you will get on against McEuroe at Wimbledon?" he was asked after beating Peter McNamara in the final of the WCT Gold Coast Cup

Lendl fidgeted at little, looked down at his hands and replied: "I don't like playing on grass and unless I learn very quickly how to I won't get the chance of meeting him. I would like to. play McEnroe there but I usually meeting mm. I would like to play McEnroe there but I isually go out on the first or second day, depending on when they schedule my first match. I don't plan to play any pre-Wimbledon grasscourt tournaments because one grasscourt tournament a year is more than enough for me. I just wish they would dig Wimbledon up and lay clay courts there instead."

of which will clash with grand prix events, are good for both game and players.

He admits that the split will cost his organization a lot of money this year but he has no plans are not considering it because the conditions would be the same they were a year ago when they bad its under their thumb and they were determined to keen sendl's next big challenge will us there ", he said.

come at the WCT finals in Dallas in April. The championship will be the highlight of the year for WCT and probably, from a financial viewpoint, for Lendi, who qualified for it yesterday with his 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 victory over McNamara.

A total of \$1.3 million, including bonuses, will be at stake that week. The young man from Ostrava is likely to win more than enough to keep the average Ostrava is likely to win more than enough to keep the average man in luxury for the rest of his life.

After Dallas WCT set out on their first full year's programme since breaking away from the grand prix circuit last May. Twenty-two tournaments are planned, most of them worth \$300,000 each, and Lamar Hunt, millionaire owner of the Dallas. millionaire owner of the Dallas-based organization, is confident that the extra tournaments, many of which will clash with grand

iate. There is a need to brighten up the image of the game, so as to express the joy as well as the intense competitiveness of Rugby.

Now, with five Basques in the back division, and only one Beziers man in the whole team, they must hope that this Basque gambit, as it is called, will have equal success in the international championship.

Connors may not walk out

Jimmy Connors, who stepped wer the \$5,000 limit and into a 21-days' suspension when he was fined \$1,000 for obscenity in Philadelphia over the weekend, is threat to withdraw from the Grand Prix circuit.

Marshall Happer, the Grand Prix administrator said in New

SALFORD: British University Championships: Finals Med a singles C Wilson : London beat D Bar (Chiy) 31—11. 21—10. Doubles: M Illinsworth & S Univey (Loughborough) beat C Rogers & C Lee (Warwick) 21—16. 21—19. Women's Singles: J Deakin (Sheffield) beat C Butlery (Nottingham, Doubles: J Bush & P Graiam (Baith) beat E Gailagher & M Shegran (Oxford) 21—12. 22—22. 8 Butley (Notlingham) beat S Inkiry & Bush & C Butley (Notlingham) beat S Inkiry & M Sangster (Loughborough) 17—21, 22—22, 21—19.

For the record

Table tennis

goaded into it. We don't want to fine or suspend anyone. We just want people to abide by the rules. We will treat Connors fairly but we won't stand for obscenity in any way—and he has unlikely to go ahead with his a reputation for it.

threat to withdraw from the John McEnroe, who won the Grand Prix circuit.

US indoor championship for the Marshall Happer, the Grand first time when he heat Comors Prix administrator said in New 5-3, 6-3, 6-1, received \$60,000 York yesterday that he was not in prizemoney. Connors, who taking the suggestion seriously was seeking a record fifth title, and added: "I think he was won \$30,000.

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> 78, 70, 67; 287, L Adams 69, 69,
> 76, 73; 288, C Hill 69, 74, 72, 73,
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Ice skating

Lyons, Feb 1

dance title.

Rives limited in what he could achieve.

made, it is none the less the one the French admire most, but which has not carried favour of late. There is a need to brighten

The one threat to **British** pair's dominance From John Hennessy

Gareth Davies, the Welsh cap-

tain, is doubtful for the match

Natalya Bestemianova is a source of concern to British camp followers here this week—at least to this British camp follower. She is a Russian firecracker who presents the biggest threat, indeed the only apparent threat, to Jayne Torville and Christopher Dean's hold on the European ice dance title.

Fortunately it is an event that Fortunately it is an event that makes demands on two people, and whatever comparisons may be made between the two women—and not necessarily to Miss Torvill's disadvanntage—Dean is clearly superior to the male half of the Russian combination, Andrei Bukin. The British are the complete pair, whereas Bukin complete pair, whereas Bukin tends to be swamped by his r's sizzling personality and expertise. expertise.

Those professionally involved have no doubt about Britain's eventual success. They point to the all-round brilliance of Miss

the all-round brilliance of Miss Torvill and Dean, to the progress they have made since last year (when they also won the world title) and, less laudably but perhaps realistically, to the fact that the ice dance world has had its fill of Russian dominance.

Certainly the Britons are in stupendous form. For all the impact of Miss Bestemianova it will be a turn up for the book if the champions are deposed. will be a turn up for the book if the champions are deposed.
One of their off-ice mentors in recent times. Michael Stylianos, a former world professional ball-room champion, has now been engaged as official choreographer to the British team, a progressive development. He is said to have improved the performance parti-cularly of the third-ranking British couple, Wendy Sessions and Stephen Williams.

and Stephen Williams.

Britain's other obvious hope of a medal is Deborah Cottrili, once of Solihull, but now trained at Lake Placid by Emmerich Danzer, a former world champion for Austria. Danzer has been so encouraged by Miss Cottrill's advance in the past month that he believes the gold medal, no less, rests between her and an less, rests between her and an elegant East German free skater, Katarina Witt. The compulsory figures on Thursday may hold the key. This is Miss Witt's weakest element,

The British team is completed by Karen Wood and Mark Pep-perday, both also handicapped by poor figures, and Susan Garland and Ian Jenkins,

Steiner enjoys feast after famine

From Dudley Doust
Schladming, Feb 1
In a feast of show and sunstine after the famine, Auton
Steiner of Austria today moved
futo a promising position to win
a gold medal when he captured the slalom section of the Men's Combined event at the Alpine World Ski Championships near Haus. With the downhill section of

With the downhill section of the event to come on Friday, Steiner leads his countryman Wolfram Ortner, with Michel Canoc from France third, A second Frenchman, Michel Vion, lies fourth and, being a respectable downhiller, may make the best run at Steiner.

best run at Steiner.

Steiner, too, was once a fine downhiller. At the 1976 Junsbruck Olympics, then only 18, he had a medal in his sight when he crasked near the finish banner. Plagued by injuries before and since and faced with a very formidable bunch of Austrian downhillers, he latterly concentrated on the alalom. His placing today, while by no meats unexpected, was secured by the two best slalomists in the race: Lichtenstein's Andres Wenzel and Yugoslavla's Bojan Krizaj going Yugoslavia's Bojan Kriraj going out. Wenzel, lying fourth after the

first run, fell in the second and for the bloude little Krizaj the day was specially heartbreaking. He led the field after the first run and added what looked like run and added what looked like the winning dash in the second. The lighted scoreboard said so but Krizaj, silent and stony-faced brushed through newsmen to the television booth with his coach. There Krizaj saw that he had got one leg over a gate pole as he flashed through a challenging sequence just below the midway point.

In all though the course wasn't that challenging. At least most competitors did not make it look so. They ambled through gates like holiday tourists, careful not to fall lest they be disqualified from the downhill section, and necessary Fédération Internationale de Ski. These points are necessary to

improve upon or protect their starting positions in future races. Chief among the absentees were the two best stalomists: Sweden's ingmar Stenmark and United States' Phil Mahre. and the Mahre, after seeing the course was uncharitable about it. "It wasn't a real slalom", he said of both the course and the competition, "it was just a hike to the finish". The British? Nick Wilson, the Anglo-Canadian, fell in the first run. Frederick Burton, lies 31st, Nigel Smith 35th and Konrad Bartelski 50th. "I've never skied a serious slalom in my life," he said. "But this is one way to kill time."

kill time ".

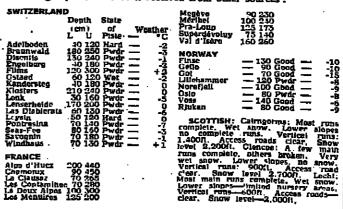
The other British news is that Frasier Clyde, the Alpine director, has been given authority by the National Ski Federation of Great Britain to accept an interest free loan of £6,500 for the team to complete the season. The new money, to be set against next season's budget, will finance re-maining world Cup events and, most importantly, a trip for Bar-

telski to Canada for their cham-pionships and the World Cup races that follow in America. For the girls the season may soon be over. "We'll see how they do here," Clyde said rather ominously. In fact we'll see how they do tomorrow in the giant slalom. LEADING POSITIONS: 1 A Stein (Austria) Limit 41,263ec: 2 W Orth (Austria) Limit 41,263ec: 2 W Orth (Austria) Limit 41,267: M Wilton (Prance) 1:41.51: 5 W Wilton (Prance) 1:41.51: 6 W Soeril (Neader) 1:42.54: 6 B Nockier (Italy) 1:42.87 T T Certovnik (Yagoslavia) 1:43.3 B P Laescher (Switzerland) 1:43.3 B P Laescher (Switzerland) 1:45.5 B J Franko (Yagoslavia) 1:34.6 B J

Latest European snow reports

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



Ice hockey

Vasicek's visit pays off for Southampton

By Robert Pryce
Among the crowd at Nottingham Ice Stadium on Saturday
was Buddy Vasicek, the new head
coach of the Southampton Vikings. He saw an exciting game,
won by a long range slap shot
from Streatham's defenceman,
Robin Andrew, with just under
seven minutes to go.
The main purpose of his visit
however, was to prepare his new the main purpose of his visit however, was to prepare his new team for Nottingham's visit the following day and on that score he succeeded, Southampton winning 7—4. Bennett (3) and Parrish (2) helped them to a 7—1 lead they held against an understrength Nottingham until the last 90 seconds.

strength Notingham until the last 90 seconds.

The Vikings have consistently attracted more spectators this season than their neighbours from the National Baskethall League, the very successful Solent Stars, but until Sunday, they had not given them a spect solent stars, our mine summer, they had not given them a great deal to shout about. This win should compensate for much, including a 31—2 defeat in the English League South earlier this

English League South earlier this season.

Durham Wasps had a more frustrating weekend. On Saturday, they were upset by the Blackpool Season's and the Blackpool timekeeping, and on Sunday, they bost to local rivals. Whitley Warriors: In Blackpool Durham were teading 10—5 during the last period but went down 12—11.

Durham then conceded another lead on their own ice on Sun-Durham then conceded another lead on their own ice on Sunday. They led 3—2 going into the last period, but then Whitley scored three times without reply. Vail scored twice for Whitley. Nottingham are still handly placed in the English National League although Streatham stretched their lead by beating a weary-looking Blackpool team 10—1 on Sunday.

Billingham Bombers maintained their challenge by beating Altrin-

Billingham Bombers maintained their challenge by beating Altrincham Aces 10—4. Bruce Hubbard, their Canadian centre, led the way with three goals. John Liveley provoked some record-checking with a goal after just seven seconds of Avon Arrows' game against Cambridge University. His line-mates, Tucker and Farmer, added four goals and their care and four goals.

University. His line-mates, Tucker and Farmer, added four goals each in a 14—5 win.

EMGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Blacknool 12, Durham 11; Billingham 10, Altrincham 4: Durham 3, Whitley F. Sirvatham 10, Blacknool 1, Scotlish League; Fife 9, Avr 2: Dundee 0, Murayfield 6, Fpelish League South: Avon 14, Cambridge 5: Richmond 0, Oxford 1, Southambon 7, Northeabert 1, Ren Trimen Cine: Northeabert 1, Ren Trimen Cine: Northeabert 1, Avon 3, Sollhull 4, Avon 3,

An in-shape Botham hits out against an out-of-shape ball

SPORT

From Richard Streeton

Ian Botham was in the forefront with bat and ball in some trenchant play by England today as they desperately tried to recoup lost time on the third day of the sixth Test match here. So than made 142 before England declared at 378 for nine and then bowled Roy in the final over, India having made 12 in the 35 minutes that England left them.

Comorrow is a rest day.

This was Botham's pinth century for England and again be emphasized the huge strides he has made on this tour in terms of responsibility as a batsman. He came through early uncertainties on Saturday, played with care in the hour's play possible yesterday and continued to apply himself with great determination today. His first 100 runs included 49 singles which is as revealing a 49 singles which is as revealing a figure as any to those who know his basic preferences. Botham, who was 53, overnight, never failed to drive or pull anything the slightest bit loose with all his usual nower.

usual power.
India's innings began in appalling light as Willis and Botham fired frightening salvoes with the new ball. Gavaskar and Roy bravely stood their ground and, though Roy was comprehensively bowled by a Willis no-ball, it seemed they were going to see their ordeal through. To the third ball of Botham's fourth over, though, Roy was beaten by both pace and movement.

It was again overcast and cool when play began after lunch. With nearly seven hours lost, there was a slightly unreal atmosphere to the game initially, though this did not permeate to the players. There was a tense due before Belging the players. duel between Botham and Gatting and the Indian bowlers, with the batsmen having to overcome defensive bowling and field placings as well as a wet outfield which reduced the value of several strokes. By tea the batsmen had come off best with 85 runs coming in two hours from the miserable 22.3 overs India bowled.

India bowled.
In fairness there were two fiveminute hold-ups for the ball to be
changed but these did not justify
an obviously lackadaisical
approach. Kapil Dev and Madan
Lal had bowled only nine balls
with the new ball yesterday. By

necessary wear and tear. Botham understanderbly be-

came irritated after the second instance but it seems part and parcel of cricket in India. He parcel of cricket in India. He apparently suggested that England should walk off in protest. "I told Iam that, much as I sympathized with him, there was nothing I could do about it." Fletcher said later. "The state of the hall was up to the invision." Fletcher said later. "The state of the ball was up to the umpires."
England, having resumed at 249 for four, passed 300 in the ninety eighth over which, with all the interruptions of the past three days, is commendable going. Inevitably most of the runs were coming in singles but both batsmen when possible hit the ball forcefully, the way Catting made room to hit past extra cover being specially well done.

done.

When Botham drove Kapil for four through the covers he reached 100 in 286 minutes from 180 balls. It was only his ninth four and, of his nine Test centuries, three have come against India.

After tea the England batsmen clearly had their eye on the declaration. What had been an occuration. What had been an invaluable innings from Gatting was ended when he skied a huge hit to long-off against Dosbi. Gatting made a crucial and unselfish contribution to England's innings as he helped to add 101 for the fifth wicket in 26 add 101 for the fifth wicket in 26 overs. Three more England wickets crashed in rapid succession and the crowd for the first time made themselves heard. Shastri had Dilley leg-before and bowled Taylor in the course of three balls as each batsmen pushed forward and in Shastri's next over Emburey was run out after quick thinking by Kirmani. A ball struck Emburey's pads and was deflected towards short extra cover as the leg-before and was defined in towards short extra cover as the leg-before appeal was rejected. Kirmani chased the ball and returned it to Gavaskar, who had come to the stumps. Emburey having being sent back as he started for a run,

was narrowly beaten by the In Doshi's next over Botham



Botham on the march: ready to walk off in protest

huge six from the first ball and then reverse-swept a four with a left-handed grip, the third ball Botham on-drove with ferocious Botham on-drove with ferocious power and it was still rising when it crashed into an advertisement board on top of the scoreboard. A tame push brought him a single from the fourth ball and next over, giving Doshi the charge, he was stumped and England declared. Botham finished with two sixes, 12 fours and batted five hours and 37 minutes, or through 72 overs, whichever currency you prefer.

Total (9 wind only)

J D Willia did not be!

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-89, 3-121,
4-248, 5-349, 6-354, 7-354, 8-380, 9-376,

BOWLING: Kapil Day, 34-3-147-2; Madan
Lyl, 24-79-0; Doohl, 34.2-8-81-4;

Shashri, 23-8-51-2.

Two tough little men with backs to the wall

Cricket Correspondent Adelaide, Feb. 1

Adelaide, Feb. 1

Although Australia are not beaten yet it is bard to see them saving the third Test match gainst the West Indies. Having allowed West Indies 194 for six at one time on Sunday evening to gain a first innings lead or 151—as in Sydney when Gomes made a hundred—Australia were still 51 runs behind with two second innings wickets gone when play ended. Througout the day they had simply been striving to hang ou.

the wars Australia's hopes rest mainly with Laird and Border, mainty with Laird and Border; two tough little men who did them proud this evening and have withstood, better than most, the pounding Australia's batsmen have taken over the last few weeks from the West Indian fast

fit, no longer genuinely fast and Thomson less consistently fierce than he used to be, the boot is on the other foot from the days when these two gave Australia an when these two gave Australia an immediate advantage on a pitch with the bounce of this one.

In most respects it is a good a Test pitch as I have seen for some years — conducive to strokeplay, not unhelpful to spin and with a fair amount of pace. The only pity from Australia's point of view is that it is resisiet enough to encourage the West

Indian bowlers to imperil the batsmen's ribs, which the umpires allow them to do to their hearts' content. The ground is in splendid condition, Indeed for the last three days Adelaide has been the perfect place for

cricket.
On Sunday, when Australia were 204 for six at the start of play, they lost their last four wickets for 32 runs. Today, from the same score, West Indies went on to make 389. Withour Lillee and Chappell to bowl — not that Chappell bowls much anyway — Marsh, captaining Australia in Chappell's absence, saved Thomson and Pascoe for the new ball, in so far as he could, and gave Yardley the Cathedral End. It was, somehow, a forlorn hope. Gomes seldom fails these days and Dujon went to his first Test fifty as though it was his fiftieth,

Gomes seldom fails these days and Dujon went to his first Test fifty as though it was his fiftieth, displaying considerable talent and no lack of confidence.

Against England last winter and Australia this, Gomes is averaging 71. In his last six Test innings he has made 90 not out, \$5, 24, 126, 43 and now 124 not out, pleasantly and in his own time. His partnership with Dujon for the seventh wicket was worth 89; for the eighth wicket he added 82 with Roberts. Gomes batted for six hours and three quarters, more like a dogged Englishman than a dashing Trinidadian.

Watching Australia having to make do with three bowlers, plus Border, I was taken back to groin is unlikely to allow him to

Sydney in 1950-51 when England were left, before they had bowled a ball, with only Bedser, Brown and Warr, plus Compton Injuries settled the result of that match, as they almost certainly will this one.

one.
Yardley's 5 for 132 took his
tally of Test wickets this winter
to 38, though when the season
started he was given little chance of even getting into the Austra-lian side. Being the sort who would like to bowl all day from both ends, he revelled in the chance to keep going here.

Australia were batting again soon after three o'clock. By half past they had lost Wood, beautifully caught and bowled by Holding. Wood hit a full toss back quite firmly and Holding swooped to his right for a low carch. Having been softened up.

bowl again in the match, although he should be able to go to New Zealand for the tour starting there on Wednesday week.
The Australians are a little

envious, think, of the West Indians who are coming up to a break from touring, if not from cricket, of several months. AllSTRALIA: First Innings, 238 (A Fi Border 78, G 9 Chappel 61, M A Holding 5 for 72, A M E Roberts 4 for 43).

G M Wood, c and b Holding 5 for 72, A B M Laind, not out 50 for 72 for 70 for 7

WEST MOSES: First Innings enidge, c Border, b Thomson... S F A Becches, c Lehrt, b Pescoe 0
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M A Holding, b Yardisy 2
M A Holding, b Yardisy 3
J Garner, c Wood, b Yardisy 12
Extras (b 4, L-b 7, w 3, n-b 14) 28

Weekend reviews: Snooker, Basketball and Volleyball

Tass heartened as strain

at Carluke, the hird division team and Kilmarnock play Dundee Kirkton II.

In the women's league third placed Dodds Troone beat Inverclyde 3—2 after trailing. On Sunday they play their needle match with second placed Whitburn. This match was re-arranged from a midweek encounter which was abandoned in the fourth set, after the hall rental ran out, whitburn had turned up a little late and Scottish passion could be said to be running a little high ver this one. In England Hillingdon beat Speedwill Rucanor from Bristol specuwin Kuranor from Bristol

—I to take over at the top of the
first division of the Women's
National League. It is right at the
top with Hillingdon two points
ahead of Speedwell and Spark of
London, both on 22 points. Speedwell are on top for the first time this season, a particular disappointment to them as they were tuying to keep pace with their men's team, unbeaten for the last 49 league outings. In the men's Mikasa Cup Junior quarter-finals Newcastle Staffs, at home to Priory, Birmingham won a closely-Birmingham won a closelyfought coutest 3—2, and go into
the semi-finals on March 14 to
meet the holders Spark, who beat
the Royal NAVY 4—3. In the
other semi-final Cantril, Liverpool, who overcame Essex
Estonians 3—0, meet either Kelly
Girl Internationals of Haughton
from Darlington.

A new stage is beginning for the game

Shows on MIM

By Paul Harrison

MIM, the Scottish cup and league volleybail holders, who struggied to beat a second division team in the cup last week, had another struggle on their hands in the Royal Bank National League on Saturday. Still missing their setter, Kenny Barton, the national team captain, they were two sets down to Bellshill Cardinals before winning 3—2.

Their toughest challenge could come on February 13, when they play Tass. Aithough MIM bear Tass earlier in the season, the second placed side must be encouraged by these signs of fallibility in the leaders.

In the quarter-final draw for he Royal Bank Cop, MIM (the Poly II) and Tass (v Bellshill Cardinals) have avoided each other while Dundee Kirkton are at Carluke, the hird division team and Kilmarock play Dundee Kirkton II.

ances they will, in the months ahead, tread very different paths.

Griffiths, in association with Markworth Billiards (Wales) Ltd is launching a three-months summer coaching scheme from June to Angust for young players in South Wales. He will spend two days each week coaching two groups, under eighteen and over reighteen, in the South Wales area. He has also offered to coach Tony Chappel, aged 21, from Swansea, the Welsh youth champion, who intends to turn professional.

Dayis in fulfilment of his

plauded Doug Mountjoy when he professional.

Davis, in fulfilment of his recent contract with John Courage, will not only assist them in many aspects of the marketing of their products, but also paly exhibition matches in public houses and clubs, bringing the game back to "traditional" audiences.

Sunday's final was absorbing but by no means spectacular. A sequence of errors began in the tenth frame and ended in the planted Doug Mountjoy when he was tile, beating Ray Reardon in the final by potting the pink in the last trame.

That was the ball which trame on Sunday night in favour of Pavis at a time when as he admitted, he was resigned to going into the last interval level at 6-5, instead of which he went into it leading 7-5.

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Byrd injury harms Palace ambitions

By Nicholas Harling

Crystal Palace, whose fragile hopes of regaining the National League Basketball title depend on remaining unbeaten for the rest of the season, may be without their key player Alton Byrd for the final six games.

Byrd, Palace's American guard, is in a surgical collar after tearing back ligaments during Sunday's 106-9 victory at TCB Brighton where Peter Mullings, the home club's 6ft 7in forward fell heavily on top of him after 10 minutes. It will not unduly concern Palace to be without their flamboyant playmaker in Italy tonight as they cannot qualify for the semi-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup whatever their result against Sinudyne Bolognaton, the last of their quarter final group games. Yet it could have a drastic effect on their domestic ambitions if Byrd's season is severed. He has only recently returned to the

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On Saturday with Byrd, Palace had ended a depressing sequence of four defeats by overcoming Ovaltine 100-86 in Hemel Hempton potential. With five minutes to go

1.200 capacity crowd in the new Spectrum Arena. John Carr Doncaster, in better

health after illness and mjnry had spoilt their hopes in the previous week's Asda National Cup final against Solent, also recovered some form, betating Tyalbot Guldford 104-86 with 32 courts form. points from Everett. That was three fewer than McKinney managed for Centabrica Kingson managed for Cantabrica Kingston 110-90 on Saturday, won the Masters tournament, sponsored by Krocklok, on their way home the following day, beating Hemel Hempstead 107-84 in the final Hemel Hempstead were a psychologically spent force, having become only the second English club this season (Palace were the first) to beat Solent, in their semi-final, winning 94-93.

Solent trated teh match as Solent trated teh match as seriously as any competitive fixture, their coach Tom Wisnian having taken the crafty step of naving taken the crafty step of naving himself as assistant coach in case the train should incur any technical foul to bring him nearer a two-match suspension. With the National Championship play offs at Wembley next mouth that would be the last thing Mc Wisnan would want.

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Goldspun and Grittar defeated but undiminished in stature

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Rayal Vulcan is now first choice in the market at 5-1 with Ladbrokes who have pushed Goldspun's price out to 7-1. Grittar, however, had his odds for the Grand National clipped to 14-1 after the hunter-chaser had finished third to Moor Close in the Trial Handicap Steeple Chase. It had always been on the cards that Goldspun might not be able to cope with the finishing pace of Dasman, who was meeting the favourite on terms more favourite on terms more favourite at the second hurdle from home at which point Peter Schamore was improving his position on Goldspun his more finished closer, but would never have troubled the winner.

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Grittar on the other hand, who districts risk is considered the mining his first risk. Scinders, child with his first success at chase.

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David Nicholson was delighted with the performance of Lord Vestey's four-year-old. "He's a stiffy horse who needs a great deal of work and is bound to have benefited from the race. He faced a stiff task at the weights and we are looking forward to running the four-year-old in the Stroud-Green Hurdle at Newbury, the race which Broadsword wun for the stable last year", Nicholson said. Judged on the form book

trainer, was equally pleased.
"The Cheltenham Gold Cup is the
harse's main objective. After that
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National, which I always think is. National, which I always think is something of a lottery." Be that as it may, the National is generally a race for class horses and Gritter has all the necessary credentials. He jumps superthy, stays well and has already wan over part of the National course. Nicholson's other possible Triumph Hurdle candidate, On A Cloud, proved disappointing when able to finish only third to Weaver's Point in the second division of the Somerty Novices'

United call for cut in duty

Five of the leading administrative powers in racing have joined hands in an attempt to curb the levels of on and off-course, betting duty. On Friday the Levy Board and Jockey Club united with the Horesrace Advisory Council, National Association of Bookmakers and the Tote in a plea to the chancellor of the exchequer. exchequer.

They want the four per cent on-course duty abolished and the rate of off-course duty reduced from its present level of eight per cent. A memorandum which they submitted to the treasury draws attention to the decline in betting turnows.

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It claims that the rise in betting duty introduced by the chancellor last July and the subsequent increase in deductions from returns to punters has accelerated the decline in betting turnover. With deductions at the present level of 10 per cent the memorandum states "The law of

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7-4 Constoore Keitweer, 11-4 Aldo, 9-2 Pride of Tecnessee, 6 Spring Rocket, 10 Be Free, 12 Prince Motecilie, 25 others.

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diminishing return is now operating with adverse congequences for the government, racing and bookmaking alike.

The memorandum suggests that the closure of 2,850 betting shops since 1974 has led to an increase in illegal betting and all its attendent evils. The memorandum also, draws attention to the decilining strength of the oncourse betting market, which it states is linked directly to racecourse attendances. It proposes that the public be encouraged to go to the races to bet and thus strengthen the market, which can best be achieved by the abolition of the on-course duty.

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In conclusion the memorandum states that "it is the strong and united representation of the racing and bookmaking industries that there should be an immediate reduction in the rate of off course duty to its 1974 level of 6 per cent.

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Winter: trainer of Dasman

by Easterby's brother, Peter. The best at Leicester to The best at Leicester today should be Spring Rocket in the Belvoir Handicap Steeplechase. John Edwards's eight-year-old romped home by seven langths at Newton Abbot recently and a 6th penalty should not prevent him from following up that success.

Edwards' luck continues

John Edwards long-distance qualifier. This time Blacker had read from Ross-on-Wye in-Plump of his three runners won. Flump Bock, was the first to succeed when he made short work of the opposition in the Sheekey's Restaurant Novices Steeplechase. Philip Blacker had the big chesturt in front before the water, and steadily stretching their lead, they went on to bear Statist by 15 lengths. The very lucky as I have a big indoor concession of 91b to the winner two miles a day. Furry Rock should make a very nice hurse, he won last week at Watwick and really needs a slice of inck Blacker was able to celebrate, his first treble for two years when bringing Rheinray home a dozen lengths clear of Wool Merchant in the IG Index Black which won the Blaig Whisky Novices Hurdle Ltd Handicap steeple chase.

Postal championship Results from Britain's first postal swimming championships are to be stagen this month. They are being organized by the British Long. Distance Swimming Association to mark its silver, jubilee. Ama eurs of all ages have to find an i door pool of at least 25 yards length.

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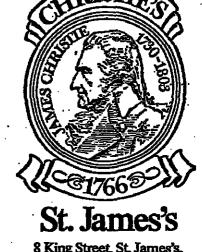
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11.30 Kaz. Our hero suspects that the judge who is presiding over his client's case is in need of a psychiatrist. 12.25 Close with Quentin Crisp.

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6.30 Never Too Late Thora Hird,
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"Memorial Day".† 4.25 Jazz Today. Charles Fox with records,† 4,55 News. 5,00 Meinly for Pleasure with Natalie 7.00 Folk Tunes for Plano. Plano recital by David Owen Noiris; arr. Howels, arr. Moeren, Peter Maxwell Davies, arr. Grainger.† 7.30 Royal Liverpool Philinamonic Orchestra. Concert direct from the Philiamonic Hell, Liver-pool. Part 1: Haydn, Edward Cowie (his concert for orches-tra).†

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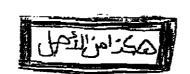
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valuable records. "We are still suffering gross inefficiences hecause of that. We were derelict in not having second copies but we were going so fast we did not have the people to duplicate these things. It was a serious blow. It cost us an almost incalculable amount

He said the car had tremendous consumer acceptance, "In November we had firm, legally enforceable, dealer orders for about 5,000 cars for the following quarter. We felt cool, calm and confident that everything was wonderful."

But then the sale of new cars dropped sharply. "Annual sales fell from 8.3 million units in November to six million in December and under six million in January. Sud-dealy the industry went into the ash can. "With these firm orders we

set our production schedule and started to deliver. We have rever been adequately capi-talized. We have always worked on the basis that as fast as we build a car we have to sell it. "In the meantime dealers

enddenly told us that with the marketing slowdown they could not take the cars."

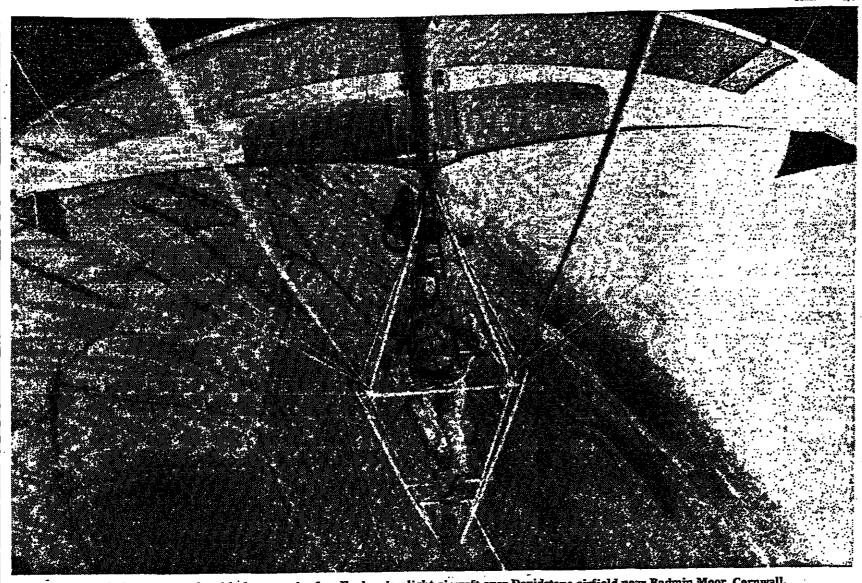
Everybody was questioning the company's financial viability but the car was close to the quality of any car built in the world. "The worst is behind us and we need to restablish the financial crediestablish the financial credibility of the company." There had been misunder-

standings about his personal interests. Three times he had offered to give his shares back to the Government. The company's assets were

on the balance sheet at £35m. "That is not a sick, in-solvent company. It is important that if people are well on the balance sheet at £35m. the taxpayers' money they should not mole statements that are detrimental to our continued existence.

He still hoped that a private investor would emerge to purchase or merge the company. We are looking hard for one, for a totally non-government company so that we can fulfil tire market potential. We are still selling the car, even with this terrible publicity, at the rate of 10,000 to 12,000 cars a "That is more than enough

to sustain the workforce we have now. With a little bit of favourable publicity there is no question in my mind that we could be employing 2,700 people again by the spring."
The company had made
\$5.7m profit in the quarter 54m in the quarter to November 30.



Mr Ian Stokes gets to grip with the controls of an Eagle microlight aircraft over Davidstone airfield near Bodmin Moor, Cornwall.

High flying in the bargain basement By Ronald Faux

Private flying in Britain, depressed by high fuel costs and competition from American flying schools, could be helped by the revolution that has begun in lightweight aviation. The Civil Aviation Auth-

ority has drawn up its pro-posals for the operation of microlight aircraft which leave the day-to-day running of the sport to the pilots and allow sport to the photos and allow the trainees to count their hours spent in the cheap micro-lights towards their training for a conventional private pilot's licence. The saving in the cost of a licence could amount to more than £1,000.

Several flying schools plan to introduce the option of training on microlight aircraft as a means of bringing private flying closer to the average pocket. Microlights are the breed of

aircraft that developed from

The British Microlight Air ment and ra craft Association (BMAA), the governing body of the sport, is reassured that the Civil

Aviation Authority seems prepared to regulate with a soft
touch and hopes to delegate
responsibility for training,
safety and ensuring that the
small aircraft are airworthy,
The largely to the BMAA. It calculates that with all the new regulations in force, flying a microlight should cost no more than £6 an hour compared with at least £40 an hour

to train on a conventional air-craft, which microlight pilots are apt to refer to as "spam But because of the crowded

planes that offer exciting flying for a fraction of the normal Government might stifle the or eight hours. "If we have any new sport with restrictions doubts about the person want-since microlights can fly from ing to buy one of our aircraft. The development is wellcomed by the Aircraft Owners
and Pilots' Association and by
many flying schools in Britain.
The British Microlight AirThe British Microlight Air-

into operation this year will instead the Civil Aviation move this responsibility largely authority has insisted only that to the BMAA. Authority has insisted only that pilots should be physically fit, properly trained in aviation law and flight rules and taught the technical aspects of microlight

restrictions on microlight air-craft ensure that they are slowflying and likely to be very stable. New models arrive from the United States and Australia in remarkable numbers and within the limits the designers have produced aircraft able to cruise at 60 mph and climb at 1,000 ft a minute. They are single or twin seat aircraft and

the United States space programme and range from powered hang gliders to new air corridors and areas used types of rigid-wing lightweight by low flying military aircraft,

The association's membership has risen from 400 to 1,800 in a year and the expectation is echnical aspects of microlight that in three years time 5,000 lying.

The weight and wing loading training.

Pilot magazine, which covers business and pleasure flying, recently surveyed the microlight scene and pointed to the sharp improvements that have been made in strength, reliability and lower noise levels. "No longer can the establishment regard the BMAA as a bunch of oil-stained single or twin seat aircraft and cloud muggers with flies stuck cost between £2,000 and £4,000: in their teeth ", Pilot declared.

years, one because it is thought he overstressed the machine and the others because the aircraft took off incorrectly rigged.
The microlight pilot sits

strapped to his seat with the elements rushing past him; exhibitating on a fine day but impossible in cold, wind or cloud. The sport will be governed as much by the weather as the Civil Aviation Authority. Mr Ron Bott, secretary of the BMAA, claimed that the

the BMAA, claimed that the success rate in training spoke for itself. They are slow-flying machines which means that if they crash the pilot can normally walk away. The people who take up the sport are generally hang glider pilots, holders of expired private pilot's licences who camot afford to fly on normal aircraft and people who simply take and people who simply take it up because they have always had a frustrated urge to fly. The spirits of Icarus and Biggles are alive and well it seems, and airborn in microlights.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Lawson missile fails to vaporise Benn

Britain's nuclear power never meeting Mr Lawson's programme was the subject "Hansard, January 25, 1578, of the main debate yesterday, the present Secretary of State. In the opening speech, Mr manifestation of consense.

Benn, who was in a her-dened site on the Labour backbenches. Mer Benn survéved. As all those right-wing apologists for civil defence

Lawson were ever used many citizens would still survive. accept that he had done any thing other than take out Mr Benn as a major nuclear agree as to whether, in an argument, they have been blown to bits. Mr Benn went on to make a confident

Mr Lawson deployed was a quotation from one of Mr for Energy in 1978. Mr Benn had put in a good word for the PWR (Pressurized Water Since then, hysteria about

even the peaceful use of nuclear power has become a recreation of the Higher Education left. So Mr Benn has changed his attitude and become much more critical of the PWR. He has to follow the polytechnic masses, for he is their leader. At least, this is no doubt how Mr Lawson sees Mr Benn's motive. Mr Benn sees the change as part of science's never-ending quest for her an hour without any of us and or translating a word of his

Whereupon, he quoted Mr
Benn as having said that "we cash rather than with water, must develop the option of adopting the PWR system in the early 1980s" and that the electricity supply industry's intention of ordering a PWR station "is endorsed by the Government".

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In the opening speech, Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary for Energy and reputedly one of the Cabinet hawks, used a nuclear weapon on Mr Tony Benn, who was in a harman size on the Labour emorselessly at the notes.

Mr Lawson went on to celebrate the efficiency and safety of nuclear power, with much mention of kilowatt hours of electricity and had aliways predicted, if awson were ever used many the boffins had stuffed his increas would shill survive head. He sat down con.

Not that Mr Lawson would tentedly. tentedly.

Mr Meriyu Rees, the Shadow Secretary for Energy, rose to give the official policy of the Labour Party on the subject Mr Rees opaque. He tends to ember The weapons system which they make Gibbon sound like the leader column of the Daily Express Some times the sentences are never finished. Sometimes a Rees sentence gets before before the end, turns around and greets itself on the way

> appears up one of his own sub-clauses. None of this seems to have any effect my has quality as a politician. He is rather able. Certainly, he was a perfectly sansfactory minister. His career is living proof of the puffed-up claims

"One reason why this very important subject is not delighted more frequently is that, despite all the controversy which surrounds it, there exists within the House a wide measure of agreement," Mr Lawson said. That was his countdown.

Mr Lawson added that, Finally, Mr Benn His "for example", it was his predecessor as Secretary of delighted the polytechic State, "the Rt Hon Member left, who seem to regard insomething to say on the subject in 1978.

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overnment.".

Amid this blast, Mr Benn 1979, he conveniently added. sat on the backbench. With which was just as well since sublime courage, he con-that was the year Labor-tinued to take notes, his eyes went into Opposition.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

The Prince of Wales opens new gallery at Crafts Council, 12 Waterloo Place, SW1, 11, and with the Princess of Wales attends dinner at 11 Downing Screet in connexion with British Film Institute, 8.15.

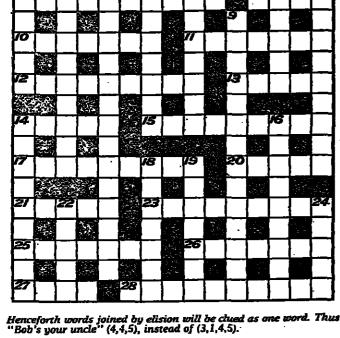
Queen Elizabeth the Mother opens Canada Cultural Centre, 6.45.

Exhibitions

Paintings of the sea and coast, Hove Museum of Art, 19 New Church Road, Hove, 10 to 1 and Aberdeen Artists' Society Annual Exhibition. Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen,

A Glimpse of the Past—local

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 15,745



With foreign articles western

18 Airs too syncopated for the old bard (7).

19 Urge to toss up for a drink (3-4).

22 Turnover at London railhead?

Solution of Puzzle No. 15,744

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 14 Sadly, I've no last words to the dedicatee (5).

 15 One living abroad has no right
- to speak freely (9).

 17 Misplaced neatness I find studid (9).

 20 Petetrate part of forbidden territory (5).
- 21 Advertisement for a jacket 23 In Reading anarchy is deep-
- rooted (9). 25 With which to coat the joints of pot? (7). 26 Bags of travellers in the van 27 Area of land once used by a bird-watcher (4)
- 28 Book-pediar (or song-writer with a French accent?) (10).
- 1 How over-keen golfers use iron (5). 2 I'd survive catastrophe and
- come to life again (9).

 There's no possibility reference to 8 (14).

- Princess Michael of Kent opens views from old photographs, exhibition of paintings, sculpture and crafts, Mall Galleries, The Mall, SW1, 11.30.
 - 11 to 8.
 Old Master drawings by Willem van de Velde the Elder and Younger, Sotheby's, 42 Holdenburst Road, Bournemonth, 10 to Music

Haydn's "The Creation", Northern Sinforia of England, Town Hall, Middlesbrough, 7.45.

Auctions

Christie's, South Kensington: Old and modern jewelry, 2; cos-tumes, linen, lace and furs, 2. Phillips, Blenheim Street: Furniture, carpets, works of art, 11; clocks and watches, 2. Sotheby's, Bood Street: English porcelain,

Ronhams, Montpelier Street Bonhams, Montpeher Street: European oil paintings, 9 to 7; English and Continental furniture, 9 to 7; silver and plate, 5.30 to 7. Christie's, King Street: Eastern textiles, rugs and carpets; scientextiles, rugs and carpets; Scientific instruments, clocks and watches; 19th and 20th century Continental pictures, all 9 to 4.45. Christie's, South Kensington: Old and modern lewedry; costumes, linen, lace and furs, both 9 to 12. Phillips, Blenheim Street: Clocks 12.45 to 1.30: watches, 9 to 1; scientific instruments; English and Continental ceramics and class: specialized Great Britain lish and Continental ceramics and glass; specialized Great Britain stamps; silver and gold boxes, all 9 to 4.30. Sotheby's, Bond Street: Old master prints; modern British pictures; carpets; works of art; modern prints, all 9.30 to 4.30. Sotheby's, Belgravia: Furniture, 9.30 to 4.30.

Sporting fixtures

Football: League Cup semi-final, first leg: Ipswich v Liver-pool, 7.30. 15 English and Scottish League matches (see page 17). Racing: Sedgefield, 1.15; Leicester, 1.30.

Sport on **TV** BBC2: 5.5, World Ski-lug hampionships—Men's Combined Blalom ; 9, Pot Black 82 -

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Coal Industry Bill, second reading. New Towns Bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Corrency Bill, remaining stages. Social Security (Contributions) Bill, remaining

Anniversaries

Births: Nell Gwyn, London, 1650: Charles Talleyrand-Périgord, French statesman, Paris, 1754: Havelock Ellis, Croy-1859 : James Joyce, Dublin, Palestrina died in Rome, 4. George III opened first slow of the first Parliament the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801. C TIVES NEWSPAPERS

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Because of a second landship at Barkston. Lincolnshire, main London - Newcastle - Edinburgh -Aberdeen line is closed between Peterborough and Doncaster Trains diverted via Lincoln, add ing 50 minutes to journey times. Bus shuttle services from stations cut off (Retford, Newark and Grantham). Line should be clear

Grantham). Line should be clear by early next week.

Because of tomorrow's Aslet strike, run down of rail services begins tonight. Passengers should aim to reach destinations by 10 pm. No overnight trains. For times of last trains, call station inquiries, or Traveline (see

Roads

Midlands and E Anglia: A40: Only one lane open at St Oswalds Road, Gloucester, A5: Width re-

shire.
North: M18-M180: Only one lane each way, Humberside. A64: Roadworks at Bramham crossroads (A1). A533: Lane closures

Wales and West: A30: Temporary lights at Fenny Bridges between Honton and Exeter. A4: Width reductions on Bath Road, Bristol. A483: Roadworks. at Liambister, Powys.
Scotland: A819: Roadworks N of Inversary. A742: Temporary signals between Greenock and Inverkip. A701: Delays on John Street, Peniculk.
Information supplied by the AA. Sea

Because of Sealink dispute, no Newhaven/Dieppe ferries operating. For special coaches to ports during rail disruption, call 01-828 4142 or 01-834 2345, or Sealink-offices at ports.

Ferry services to and from the company ports to the property services to and from the company ports. Guernsey now back to normal

Air services to and from Guernsey now back to normal after recent dispute. Possible deplays to passengers at Orly and Charles de Gaulle airports in Parls because of customs workers' work-to-rule.

The papers

In a sharp attack on a govern-ment decision to close a research unit ploneering a treatment for pernicious amemia at a saving of \$20,000 per year the Dally perficious anaemia at a saving or £30,000 per year, the Dally Mirror says "We are preparing to spend thousands of millions on unpecessary nuclear weapons to destroy life but refusing to spend peanuts on saving it. . . If the mark of a civilized society is the way in wheth it cares for the sick, then we have a government of barbarians."

The Mothing Telegraph. Shef-field, says the Allies are un-likely to agree on a common

and the Washington Post asks why this is not yet clear to the

TV top ten

National top ten television pro-January 24: BBC 1

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Best-selling records last week were: 1. Perhaps Love—Domingo (CBS 73592); 2. Domingo Sings Tangos (DG2536416); 3. R. Strauss: Alpine Symphony — Karajan (DG2532015); 4. Gala Concert—Domingo (DG2532005); 5. Monteverdi: Sacred Music — Goodman (Hyperion A66021); 6. Pachelbel: Canon — Hogwood (Decca DSLO 494); 7. Ravel: Daphnis and Chloe — Dutoit (Decca SKDL/526): 8. Holst: Planets — Karajan (DG2532019); 9. Schubert: Secular Vocal Music (HMV SLS5220); 10. Joan (HMV SLS5220); 10. Joan Sutherland Recital (Decca GRV1). The pound

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Central S, SW England: Cloudy, occasional drizzle on hills, wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Midlandy, Central N, NE England: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, some brighter intervals, wind S, moderate, locally fresh; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Wales, NW England, Latto District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, occasional drizzle on idils, wind S or SW fresh, locally strong; max temp 9 or 10C (48 to 50F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundeler, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scattand: Becoming cloudy, mostly dry, perhaps some drizzle in places, wind mainly light, increasing moderate or fresh; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

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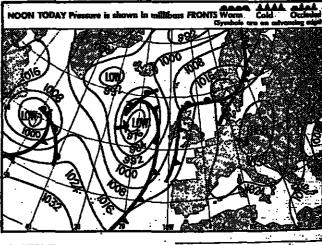
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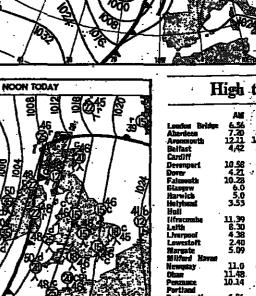
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